



Attorney General Loretta Lynch speaks during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. Lynch announced a federal civil rights investigation of the Chicago police department.

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US Justice Department to Investigate Chicago Police

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CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago police officer will not be charged in the shooting of a 25-year-old black man who authorities said was armed with a gun as he ran away from officers, prosecutors announced

Monday, the same day the federal government opened an investigation into patterns of racial disparity in the use of force by Chicago police. The Justice Department investigation, announced by Attorney General Loretta Lynch, comes nearly two weeks after the release of

a video showing a white Chicago police officer shooting a black teenager 16 times. The investigation, which is separate from an existing federal investigation into last year's shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, will also review how the department disci-

plines officers and handles misconduct accusations. Justice Department officials say they use such patterns-and-practices investigations to identify systemic failings in troubled police departments and to improve trust between police and the communities they serve.

"This mistrust from members of the community makes it more difficult to gain help within investigations, to encourage the victims and the witnesses of crime to speak up and to fulfill the most basic responsibilities of public-safety officials," Lynch said.

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Paris: Kerry joins talks; UN warns of climate doom

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Associated Press
LE BOURGET, France (AP)

— The United Nations secretary-general called for a clean energy revolution to avoid a “climate catastrophe” as talks on a global warming pact entered their final week Monday with crunch issues on money and burden-sharing yet to be resolved.

One of them, however, appeared to be untangling

Kerry said that even without binding targets the deal could change the way world business thinks about energy.

“I have absolute confidence in the ability of capital to move where the signal of the marketplace says ‘go’ after Paris,” he said.

Foreign and environment ministers joined the talks after lower-level negotiators who met last week delivered a draft agreement with multiple options left

lasting accord yet.

The talks are focused on reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, primarily by shifting from oil, coal and gas to cleaner sources of energy. Fossil fuels still meet about 80 percent of the world’s energy demand, though the share of renewable energy including hydro, solar and wind power is growing, particularly in electricity generation.

India and other major de-



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the Mashable/UN Foundation “Earth to Paris” summit at Le Petit Palais in Paris, France, on the sidelines of the COP21, the UN climate change conference, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015.

(Mandel Ngan/Pool Photo via AP)

as the European Union softened its insistence that countries’ targets to limit carbon pollution need to be legally binding, something U.S. negotiators reject because of opposition in the Republican-controlled Congress.

“We need the United States on board and we have to find a solution,” EU Climate Commissioner Miguel Arias Canete told reporters on the sidelines of the conference. “We understand the concerns they have because of the political situation they have in the Congress.”

Many Republicans question whether climate change is happening and oppose emissions limits out of concern that it would hurt U.S. industry and jobs.

Upon arrival in France, U.S. Secretary of State John

open.

Warning that “the clock is ticking toward climate catastrophe,” U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told ministers the world expects more from them than “half-measures.”

“Your work here this week can help eradicate poverty, spark a clean energy revolution and provide jobs, opportunities and hope for tomorrow,” he said.

Touching on the sensitive issue of who should do what, Ban said wealthy nations must agree to lead, while “developing countries need to assume increasing responsibility in line with their capabilities.”

The Paris conference is the 21st time world governments have met to seek a joint solution to climate change — and is aiming at the most ambitious, long-

veloping countries insist on their right to use some fossil fuels to advance their economies — just like Western nations have done since the Industrial Revolution. They argue the West therefore is historically responsible for raising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

“India is here to ensure that rich countries pay back their debt for overdraft that they have drawn on the carbon space,” Indian Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said.

The Paris agreement would be the first to ask all countries to rein in their emissions; earlier pacts only required wealthy nations to do so. How to define countries’ evolving responsibilities as their economies grow is the biggest challenge in the Paris talks. □

Climate talks go from binding targets to ‘name and shame’

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LE BOURGET, France (AP) — It’s clear at this point that even if the international climate accord being negotiated in suburban Paris becomes legally binding, it won’t include punitive measures like trade sanctions or embargoes on straggler countries that fail to meet their commitments.

The only penalty for falling short on efforts to fight global warming would be failing in front of the whole world to achieve their goals.

And that’s not necessarily a bad thing, many analysts say. In international diplomacy, peer pressure and the risk of losing face can be powerful motivations for a country to keep a promise, particularly on a high-profile issue like climate change.

“Meeting national emissions pledges will emerge as a key measure of international moral and diplomatic standing after a Paris agreement, with countries reluctant to flout their targets and risk being treated as pariahs,” said Paul Bledsoe, a former Clinton White House climate adviser.

Some countries led by the European Union still insist that governments accept legally binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas pollution in the Paris agreement, which is supposed to be adopted at the end of this week. But that’s a no-go for the U.S. for political reasons. So the negotiations are increasingly focused on creating transparency rules to determine whether countries actually follow through on their pledges.

The idea is to ensure that even if the targets aren’t binding internationally, countries would have a binding obligation to report on whether they are achieving their national goals, which could turn into a potentially humiliating experience if they’re not.

“Three words: name and shame,” said Li Shuo, a climate policy expert at Greenpeace China.

Essentially, the system that is emerging is one with clear rules but no mechanism to punish those who break them, like playing a soccer match without a referee.

“Everything happens in the open in the stadium,” Li said. “So if someone fouls another player, even if he doesn’t get a red card, he will be booed by the audience.” So does that actually work in international relations? Isn’t the incentive to ignore the rules, if it entails some competitive advantage, greater than the fear of being publicly called out for foul play?

There are no easy answers. But there are examples of international agreements without binding rules that nonetheless have had an impact on how countries behave, according to environmental law expert Dan Bodansky of Arizona State University.

In a recent academic article, Bodansky wrote that the 1975 Helsinki Declaration on human rights was successful despite its non-legal nature, “because of its regular review conferences ... which focused international scrutiny on the Soviet bloc’s human rights performance.”

Conversely, the 1997 climate pact known as the Kyoto Protocol failed despite having binding emissions targets for wealthy nations. The U.S. never joined that pact in part because the targets were binding. And when Canada realized it wasn’t meeting its targets, it just dropped out.

“Even having legally binding targets is no guarantee that countries do what they’ve promised to do,” said Elliot Diringer of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, an environmental think tank in Arlington, Virginia. Peer pressure, on the other hand, often influences countries to change their positions in the U.N. climate talks. □

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"And when suspicion and hostility is allowed to fester, it can erupt into unrest."

The civil rights probe follows recent ones in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, and comes as the police department and Mayor Rahm Emanuel are under intense scrutiny over their handling of the October 2014 death of McDonald. Officer Jason Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder Nov. 24, more than a year after the killing and just hours before the release of police dashboard camera footage showing the officer shooting the teenager.

Emanuel, who initially said a federal civil rights investigation would be "misguided" but later reversed course, said the city needs comprehensive solutions in the wake of the video showing McDonald's death.

Speaking at a news conference, Emanuel said the police department's challenges go beyond one case and he's making sev-

eral reforms, including appointing a new leader for the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates shootings by police.

The authority's new chief, Sharon Fairley, appeared with Emanuel at a Monday news conference at City Hall. The previous head resigned Sunday.

Also Monday, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said there would be no charges against Officer George Hernandez in the shooting of 25-year-old Ronald Johnson, whom authorities say pointed a gun at police before he was killed on Oct. 12, 2014. Alvarez and Assistant State's Attorney Lynn McCarthy spent more than 30 minutes detailing evidence before showing the dashcam video, which similarly to the McDonald case has no audio. The state's attorney's office overlaid police radio communications.

The video shows Johnson running from police across a street with several officers in pursuit, and then one officer shooting. Johnson is not on screen when



Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez speaks at a news conference, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in Chicago where she announced that Chicago police Officer George Hernandez will not be charged in the shooting death of 25-year-old Ronald Johnson, whom authorities say pointed a gun at police before he was killed on Oct. 12, 2014. The announcement comes the same day the U.S. Justice Department opened an investigation into patterns of racial disparity in the use of force by Chicago police.

(AP Photo/Teresa Crawford)

he was struck by two bullets. The video was also slowed down to show what McCarthy said was a gun in Johnson's hand. Prosecutors say a loaded weapon was found in his hand after

he was killed. She also said Johnson ignored officers' commands to stop and drop his weapon and had been in a physical altercation with at least one other officer before he was shot.

The attorney for the Johnson family, Michael Oppenheimer, said the prosecutors' investigation was a "joke" and an affront to Johnson's family and Cook County citizens. □

Homeland secretary: US to roll out new terror alert system



Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson speaks at a Defense One "leadership briefing" in Washington, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, on the agency's efforts to tackle growing terrorism threats in the U.S. and abroad. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration will

announce a new terror alert system "in the coming days," Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said

Monday.

Johnson said the new alert system will better inform the public about threats to the

United States, but he did not provide specific details. This will be the third terror alert system put in place by the Homeland Security Department since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The much maligned color-coded system was replaced in 2011 by the National Threat Advisory System, which has never been used.

Johnson announced the new alert system during a forum with Defense One magazine. He said the National Threat Advisory System hasn't been used because it requires a "specific, credible threat" to the U.S. in order to be activated. The new effort will include an "intermediate" step, he said. The plan to change the alert system was announced in the wake of the mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, which the FBI has declared a terrorism investigation. The FBI

is investigating the possibility that shooting suspects Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik were inspired by the Islamic State group to carry out the attacks that killed 14 people attending a holiday luncheon at a social services facility.

Johnson said while a specific motive has not been determined in the California case the threat from home-grown radicals or those inspired by foreign groups is a growing concern in part because such attacks may not be discovered in advance. The new terror alert system, he said, better "reflects the current environment and current realities."

"We need a system that adequately informs the public at large ... about what we are seeing, what we are doing and what we are asking the public to do about it," Johnson said. □

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Republicans assail Obama on ISIS _ despite similarities



Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks during a town hall meeting at Furman University on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in Greenville, S.C. (AP Photo/Rainier Ehrhardt)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Minutes after a solemn President Barack Obama spelled out his plans to protect Americans from terrorism, Marco Rubio declared that he “may have made things worse.” Jeb Bush called the president

“weak” and his approach “business as usual.” And Donald Trump declared on Twitter, “We need a new President - FAST!” Yet beneath their harsh rhetoric lies a fundamental political reality: Few in the Republican Party’s 2016 class would break significantly with the Democrat-

ic president’s approach to combating the Islamic State group. The avalanche of Republican criticism that continued Monday focused on the president’s tone, his word choice and the fine points of his plans — not in most cases the specific policy prescriptions he presented in his address

from the Oval Office Sunday night.

Bush, in an MSNBC interview, twice acknowledged that he agreed with the president’s approach in specific areas. Still, he chided Obama’s planning for lacking “the intensity that’s necessary.” “He needed to persuade people that our fears will subside when we’re engaged actively in the destruction of ISIS, and from there you would have a strategy that would be much more comprehensive,” said Bush. He then outlined a plan to strengthen the existing U.S. effort to train local forces and engage Sunni tribal leaders. Like Obama, most of the Republicans’ White House hopefuls oppose the use of many U.S. ground troops, preferring instead to send a limited number of special forces to train and support anti-Islamic State forces in the region. Like Obama, they support an aggressive air campaign to bomb the Islamic State group — and its reliance on oil revenue — across Iraq and Syria. There are specific differences in some cases — most no-

tably on the Republicans’ support (shared by Democratic contender Hillary Clinton) for a no-fly zone in Syria. But on a broader U.S. approach to taking on ISIS in the Middle East, leading Republicans have more in common than not with the president they hope to replace.

Rubio, when asked how he’d differ from Obama, focused on style rather than substance: “First, we would be straight forward and honest with the American people,” the first-term Florida senator said on Fox News. “ISIS is a growing, significant and very serious threat. They’re not contained.” Rubio opposes a significant increase in U.S. ground troops, instead calling for “a substantial ground army that needs to be made up primarily of Sunni Arabs from the region.” He says that force would “need American special operators, a significant increase in air support, and we will have to beef up our intelligence programs.” Bush called last month for sending U.S. troops to the Middle East but was not specific on numbers and said, “The bulk of these ground troops will need to come from local forces that we have built workable relationships with.” The Obama administration last week announced plans to expand the U.S. special operations force in Iraq and Syria to help fight Islamic State militants. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the expeditionary force would be more than 50 but would not be more specific. □

Fox suspends 2 analysts for language against Obama

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two Fox News contributors were suspended Monday for using inappropriate language about President Barack Obama while discussing his speech on terrorism the night before in two separate episodes. The analysts, former U.S.

Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters and actress Stacey Dash, were each ordered off the air for two weeks. Peters was appearing on a Fox Business Network program hosted by Stuart Varney when he was asked his reaction to the president’s speech. He didn’t like it. “This guy is such a total pussy, it’s stunning,” Pe-

ters said. After he spoke some more, Varney said that while he could tell Peters was “super angry,” he shouldn’t use such language. Dash, who appeared in the movie “Clueless” and has been a Fox contributor since 2014, said on Fox News Channel’s noontime program “Outnumbered” that Obama’s

speech was an epic fail and followed up with an obscenity. “I felt like he could give a s---, excuse me, like he could care less.” Bill Shine, senior executive vice president of programming at Fox, said in both cases the language “was completely inappropriate and unacceptable for our air.” □

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FBI: Killers were 'radicalized,' took target practice

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SAN BERNARDINO, California (AP) —

The husband and wife who carried out the San Bernardino shootings had been radicalized and had taken part in target practice, once within days of the attack that killed 14 people, the FBI said Monday.

"We believe both were radicalized and had been for some time," said David Bowdich, assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles office. But the said investigators are still trying to establish when, where and by whom they were influenced.

He also said Syed Farook, 28, and his wife, Tashfeen Malin, 29, had taken target practice at ranges within the Los Angeles metropolitan area, with one session held within days of last week's rampage.

In addition, authorities found 19 pipes in the couple's home that could be turned into bombs, Bowdich said.

The couple opened fire with assault rifles Wednesday on a holiday luncheon for Farook's colleagues. Husband and wife were killed hours later in a shootout with police.

In a chilling twist, authorities on Monday said that a year before the rampage, Farook's co-workers underwent "active-shooter" training in the very room where he and his wife opened fire. It was not immediately clear whether Farook attended the 2014 training session, county spokeswoman Felisa Cardona said.

"Unfortunately, the room just didn't provide a whole lot of protection," said Corwin Porter, assistant county health director.

President Barack Obama



David Bowdich, assistant director of the FBI's Los Angeles office, center, talks to the media as he is joined by San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon, left, and San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Berguan, during a news conference, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in San Bernardino, Calif. The FBI said Monday that the husband and wife who carried out the San Bernardino shootings had participated in target practice, including once within days of the attack that killed 14 people.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

said in a prime-time address Sunday night that the attack was an "act of terrorism designed to kill inno-

cent people." Farook's estranged father, also named Syed Farook, told the Italian newspa-

per La Stampa that his son shared the ideology of the Islamic State group and was fixated on Israel. □

Syrian-born US citizen charged with smuggling to militants

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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia

(AP) — A Syrian-born U.S. citizen has been charged with smuggling rifle scopes, night-vision goggles and other military-style gear from the United States to Islamic militants in his home country.

According to an indictment unsealed Friday, Amin al-Baroudi personally brought the gear to Syria and arranged other shipments between 2011 and 2013. The goods went to the insurgent group Ahrar el-Sham, which aims to establish an Islamic state in Syria and fights alongside al-Qaida's offi-

cial branch there, federal prosecutors said. In February 2013, according to the indictment, the 50-year-old man boarded a flight from Los Angeles to Turkey with 14 pieces of checked luggage weighing more than 600 pounds (272 kilograms) total. He brought the goods across the border to Syria

and returned to Los Angeles the next month with only two checked bags, prosecutors said. Al-Baroudi, a former resident of Irvine, California, was arrested Thursday at Washington Dulles International Airport, court documents show. His attorney, Anthony Capozzolo, said in court Monday

that al-Baroudi had been living in Saudi Arabia before returning to the United States. Capozzolo did not explain what al-Baroudi was doing in Saudi Arabia, beyond mentioning that he was treated for a heart condition there, or detail the circumstances of his client's return trip. □



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Clinton offers new 'exit tax' on US-foreign company mergers

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton on Wednesday will unveil a proposal for a new "exit tax" aimed at cracking down on corporate inversions, a practice that permits U.S. companies to merge with corporations overseas to lower their tax bill. The new tax would be part of a broader effort to

target what experts say is roughly \$2 trillion in profits U.S. companies are hoarding abroad to reduce their taxes. Clinton will propose spending the revenue raised by the new tax to boost manufacturing jobs in the U.S., campaign aides said. They spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the official campaign announcement. Clinton's proposals are part of the economic agenda



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks at Saban Forum 2015 in Washington. Clinton on Wednesday will unveil a proposal for a new "exit tax" aimed at cracking down on corporate inversions. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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her campaign has been rolling out this month. They include boosting infrastructure spending by \$275 billion and making other new investments in research and clean energy.

Clinton is the overwhelming favorite to win the 2016 Democratic nomination. She faces two rivals for the nod when the long, state-by-state primary contest begins in February.

The November announcement of a plan to merge drug-makers Pfizer and Allergan to create the world's biggest pharmaceutical company reignited a fierce political debate over whether such deals should be permitted. Under the deal, New York-based Pfizer would move its headquarters to Ireland, where Allergan is based. That enables Pfizer to slash its tax rate from around 25 percent this year to about 18 percent. Ireland's lower corporate tax rate would have saved Pfizer nearly \$1 billion of the \$3.1 billion in U.S. taxes it paid in 2014. Though the Treasury De-

partment has unveiled new rules to deter companies from considering inversions, officials say only Congress has the authority to halt the practice. Democrats favor immediate action and are seeking to use the issue as a political wedge ahead of next year's presidential election, accusing the Republicans of protecting corporate loopholes. Top Republicans say the only way to adequately address inversions is to overhaul the tax code, making it more attractive for businesses to locate in the U.S.

Clinton has said she has "deep concerns" about the \$160 billion drug company merger and has called on Congress and regulators to act immediately to stop companies from shifting profits overseas.

"They're doing it to save money on taxes," she said last month at a campaign event in Boulder, Colorado. "I want the Treasury Department to do everything it can to stop that

kind of behavior and call it for what it is: gaming the tax system." Under current rules, U.S. companies can reincorporate abroad if they acquire a foreign company and transfer more than 20 percent of their shares to foreign owners. The Obama administration has proposed raising that threshold to more than 50 percent. Clinton will reiterate her support for the change this week. The White House and Clinton believe that new standard would discourage inversion deals by requiring the U.S. company to purchase a larger foreign entity.

Any company that still attempts to move its headquarters overseas for tax reasons would be subject to the new exit tax, which would levy taxes on foreign earnings at the time of the inversion deal. The profits a U.S. company earns overseas are not taxed until they are brought back into the U.S., prompting many companies to hold cash and invest abroad to avoid the taxes. □

Trump calls for 'shutdown' on Muslims entering US

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Associated Press
NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) —

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump says he is calling for a "complete and total ban" on Muslims entering the

United States. Trump says in a statement released by his campaign Monday that his proposal comes in response to the level of hatred among "large segments of the Muslim population" toward Americans.

Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski says Trump's proposed ban would apply to "everybody," including Muslims seeking immigration visas as well as tourists seeking to enter the country. □



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In California, the new airport terminal extends to Mexico

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S.-Mexico border is one of the world's most fortified international divides. Starting Wednesday, it will also be one of the only that has an airport straddling two countries.

An investor group that includes Chicago billionaire Sam Zell built a sleek terminal in San Diego with a bridge that crosses a razor-wire border fence to Tijuana's decades-old airport. Passengers pay \$18 to walk a 390-foot (119-meter) overpass to Tijuana International Airport, a springboard about 30 Mexican destinations.

Target customers are the estimated 60 percent of Tijuana airport passengers who come to the United States, about 2.6 million last year. Now they drive about 15 minutes to a congested land crossing, where they wait up to several hours to enter San Diego by car or on foot. The airport bridge is a five-minute walk to a U.S. border inspector.

"It seems so much easier, so liberating," said Daniela Calderon, who flies from Tijuana four times a year to visit family in the central Mexican city of Morelia and has a friend drive her across the border from Riverside, California.

The only other cross-border airport known to industry experts is in the European Union — between Basel, Switzerland, and France's Upper Rhine region — but it carries none of the political freight of San Diego and Tijuana. Mexicans who ran across the border illegally overwhelmed the Border Patrol until the mid-1990s, when new fences and additional agents heralded a massive surge in U.S. enforcement on the 1,954-mile (3144-kilometer) line with Mexico.

Cross Border Xpress, one of the largest privately-operated U.S. air terminals, wouldn't have happened if Tijuana didn't build its airport a few steps from the international line in the 1950s or if it wasn't surrounded by undeveloped land in a barren, industrial part of San Diego.

"It's an amazing accident of geography," said Stanis Smith of Stantec Inc., the terminal's architect. "It could never happen again."

The terminal is one of the last works by the late Ricardo Legorreta, whose bold colors helped bring Mexican modernism to a world stage and attracted a strong following in the American Southwest. The stone exterior mixes purple stucco and red limestone that takes on a deep, inky hue when it rains. Stone gardens sprout agave and other desert plants.

Passengers enter a courtyard with a reflecting pool to an airy building with ticket counters and kiosks. High, white ceilings have large orange circles of recessed lighting. Sparse decorative touches are onyx, including high-hanging black slabs near ticket counters and white spheres atop the escalators.

Aesthetics are more dated in the Tijuana airport but passenger flow is the same. □



Job applicants fill out forms during a job fair at Dolphin Mall in Miami. Business economists are slightly less bullish about prospects for economic growth in 2016, according to a survey published Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, by the National Association for Business Economics.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

US Financial Front: Economists trim forecast on economy, but expect higher pay

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Business economists are slightly less bullish about prospects for economic growth next year, according to a survey published Monday.

The National Association for Business Economics says the average forecast is for growth of 2.6 percent next year, down slightly from 2.7 percent in its previous survey conducted in September. But they expect the jobs market to continue strengthening, with the unemployment rate dropping to 4.7 percent by the end of 2016. The rate now stands at 5 percent.

The survey conducted Nov. 6-18 among a panel of 49 business economists struck a slightly downbeat note as experts lowered earlier forecasts on a variety of measures of eco-

nomics health, including housing starts and industrial production.

Further out, two-thirds of those surveyed expect potential economic growth between 2 and 2.5 percent over the next five years.

Highlights of the association's survey:

— Lower growth: In addition to the lowered forecast for gross domestic product next year, economists cut their expectation for this year. GDP is now expected to grow 2.4 percent in 2015. A year ago, economists expected robust growth of 3.1 percent this year, which would have been the strongest since 2005.

— More hiring: Employers are expected to continue hiring more than 200,000 workers each month through next year. Pay for workers is expected to pick up, too. The average fore-

cast is for hourly compensation to rise 2.8 percent next year, up from 2.2 percent expected this year.

— Fed hike: Most of the economists in the survey believe the Federal Reserve will begin raising short-term rates from record lows at its next two-day meeting starting Dec. 15. They expect steady, but modest increases next year.

— Higher borrowing rates: The yield on a key government bond that impacts rates on car loans, mortgages and other types of loans is expected to rise sharply, but not as fast as earlier forecasts.

Economists expect the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to rise to 2.88 percent by the end of next year versus 2.27 percent on Friday. They had earlier forecast the yield to rise to 3 percent. □

Syria: 3 troops killed by US-led strikes; US blames Russia



Opposition prisoners, right, take part in a ceremony for their release in the central city of Homs, Syria on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. Syrian authorities have released 35 opposition detainees in the central city that was one of the first to rise against the government, ahead of a deal that will lead to the departure of thousands of opposition fighters. Syria on Monday accused the U.S.-led coalition of bombing an army camp in the eastern part of the country, killing three Syrian soldiers and wounding 13. (AP Photo)

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BEIRUT (AP) — Syria on Monday accused the U.S.-led coalition of bombing an army camp in the eastern part of the country, killing three Syrian soldiers and wounding 13, but a senior

U.S. military official said the Pentagon is "certain" the strike was from a Russian warplane. The dispute over the deadly airstrike underscored the increasingly chaotic skies over Syria as various powers hit targets in the war-ravaged country. The

U.S.-led alliance began its airstrikes in Syria in September 2014, while Russia's air campaign began a year later. In a letter to the United Nations, the government in Damascus said four aircraft from the coalition targeted the army camp in the east-

ern city of Deir el-Zour on Sunday night. In addition to the casualties among the troops, it said the attack destroyed armored and other vehicles, and a weapons and ammunition depot.

"This hampers efforts to combat terrorism and proves once again that this coalition lacks seriousness and credibility to effectively fight terrorism," according to the letter, which was published in Syrian state media. The government refers to all those fighting to overthrow President Bashar Assad as "terrorists."

It was the first time Syria has accused the U.S.-led coalition of hitting its troops.

The U.S. denied the claim, saying four alliance airstrikes in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour all hit oil wells about 55 kilometers (34 miles) southeast of Ayyash.

"We did not strike any vehicles or personnel targets in this area. We have no indication any Syrian soldiers were even near our strikes," the coalition statement said, adding that it takes allegations of potential collateral damage

seriously and investigates them.

Moreover, a U.S. military official said Washington was "certain" it was a Russian airstrike that hit the camp. The official spoke on condition of anonymity and was unable to discuss the matter publicly.

There was no immediate comment from Russian Defense Ministry.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on activists in Syria, also reported the airstrikes and a similar death toll. The Observatory said the strikes were "believed" to have been carried out by the coalition.

The planes hit the camp known as Sa'iqa, the Observatory said, though it gave a slightly different account, saying the camp is near the village of Ayyash in the western countryside of Deir el-Zour.

A Facebook page used by Islamic State militants to post news said several coalition warplanes flew over IS positions about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, then headed toward areas controlled by the Syrian government and struck an arms depot in the village of Ayyash, west of Deir el-Zour. Several strong explosions were heard, it said.

The city of Deir el-Zour is mainly held by the Islamic State group, but the Syrian government maintains a presence in some parts of it.

The IS-affiliated Amaq news agency released a video showing wide destruction in a residential neighborhood in Deir el-Zour, saying it was bombed by Russian warplanes. The video showed a wounded child being carried away and a dead boy was on a stretcher. □

Official: Red Cross ready to speak with IS to get aid in

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — The International Committee of the Red Cross is trying to reach out to the Islamic State group to get humanitarian aid to people in areas under its control, the organization's director-general said Monday.

Yves Daccord made the comments to The Associated Press on Monday's start to a major gathering of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held every four

years. The conference in Geneva aims partly to reinforce international humanitarian law that has come under threat in conflict zones like Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Yemen.

The Red Cross is a "radically neutral" organization trying to have "a relationship where we can do it" with the Islamic State group, Daccord said. He said it's very difficult in Syria because some IS-controlled areas "are pretty off-limits

for any humanitarian."

The organization needs above all to focus on Syrians inside the war-torn country, where more than 250,000 have been killed and at least a million wounded since the uprising began over four years ago, Daccord said. That means reaching out to all possible sides in the conflict — including IS.

"We try to have some connections in Iraq, with maybe what I would call 'medium-level' people —

people who are supporting Islamic State group," Daccord said. "We are trying to find some solutions" on a "pragmatic" basis, he added. The reputation of the Red Cross as independent and impartial could help it achieve its end of getting through to the most vulnerable, Daccord said, noting that as many as 8 million people have been internally displaced in Syria — mostly the poorest people in the country who aren't able to flee. □

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France's far-right soars in vote, joins mainstream parties

ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France's options are no longer as simple as left and right. The far-right, anti-establishment National Front has ridden a wave of anger over migration and extremist attacks straight into the political mainstream — where experts predict it will stay. The party's historic results in Sunday's first round of regional elections were the latest in a series of electoral inroads, with scores that shamed and destabilized the traditional parties. The conservative party of former President Nicolas Sarkozy and President Francois Hollande's Socialists — the long-standing anchors of French political life — scrambled to find ways to block the ascent of the far-right before the Dec. 13 final round.

The showing of the National Front — which won six of 13 regions — will dynamize leader Marine Le Pen's planned bid for the presidency in 2017. In the traditionally Socialist north-eastern region where she was running, the party won more than 40 percent of the vote. Her niece, Marion Marechal-Le Pen, had a similar showing in the south-eastern Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur, a stronghold of the traditional right. In a bid to stop a second-round National Front victory, the Socialist Party ordered its candidates to withdraw in those two regions so their supporters could give their votes to conservative candidates, a bitter exercise that Prime Minister Manuel Valls said was necessary.

"There is a choice between two visions of France," Valls said Monday night on the TV station TF1 — that of traditional parties and that of

the extreme right "which divides the French, tries to pit one against the other." Opponents say the National Front criticizes without offering solutions. The party, which currently has four lawmakers in parliament, is opposed to the European Union and the euro currency and fears that Muslim immigrants will supplant French civilization, replacing church bells with calls to prayer. But Le Pen says hers is the party of patriots — a message with special resonance in a France on edge since the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130. Marine Le Pen replaced her father, party co-founder Jean-Marie Le Pen, in 2011. She immediately set about changing its anti-Semitic image to make it less toxic to voters and undo its pariah status. In its former life, people were often too ashamed to reveal that they had voted for the National Front. Experts widely considered its performances, particularly under Jean-Marie Le Pen, as a way to punish mainstream parties. Leading far-right expert Jean-Yves Camus said he no longer believes National Front voters are protesting. "When a political party ... keeps going through the glass ceiling you cannot say it is uniquely a protest party," Camus said. Now, he said, voters are sticking to the party. "We are incontestably in a country that has a perfect tri-party system." The far right's long-standing calls for France to increase security and lock its doors to immigrants, especially Muslims, dovetailed this year with two attacks by extremists and the continuing influx of migrants to Europe. No other party was able to tackle the National Front on its own political turf.



French far-right leader and National Front Party, Marine Le Pen, addresses the media during a news conference, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in Lille, northern France. France's far-right National Front ran strongly in a first-round regional vote that was the first election since an attack by Islamic extremists left 130 dead in Paris. The National Front was leading in six of the 13 regions, including two where it was strongly ahead.

(AP Photo/Michel Spingler)

Far-right parties have made inroads across Europe in recent years, from Greece to

Hungary, Austria, the Netherlands and elsewhere. Le Pen heads a powerful far-

right group in the European Parliament. All are feeding on the migrant crisis.

German Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said the National Front's strong performance must be a "wake-up call for all democrats in Europe." "Standing together and solidarity in Europe are now more important than ever, including in dealing with the question of refugees," Gabriel was quoted as telling the Bild newspaper.

Marine Le Pen attributes her party's high scores to the nature of the political class, and the system it defends. "I believe that the National Front's incredible results are the revolt of the people against the elite," she said Monday on RTL radio. □

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Man in court over London Tube attack; police step up patrols



A British police officer, right, and police community support officers stand outside Victoria railway station in London, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. Police in London are stepping up patrols at transport hubs after a stabbing at Leytonstone underground station in which a man brandishing a knife reportedly said, "This is for Syria." The incident comes just days after Parliament approved British airstrikes on Islamic State group targets in Syria.

(AP Photo/Matt Dunham)

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A man who allegedly screamed "this is for Syria" as he slashed a passenger's neck in a London subway station had images associated

with the Islamic State group on his mobile phone, prosecutors said Monday.

Muhaydin Mire, who has been charged with attempted murder, also allegedly had images relating to the Nov. 13 gun and

bomb rampage in Paris and a recent British police anti-terrorism training exercise.

Prosecution lawyer David Cawthorne told a court hearing Monday that prosecutors allege Saturday's

knife attack at Leytonstone Underground station was an act of terrorism.

Passers-by recorded the aftermath of the incident on their phones. In one clip, as police officers wrestled the suspect to the floor, a bystander yelled: "You ain't no Muslim, bruv."

The terse dismissal, spoken in a distinct London accent — complete with the slang term bruv, for brother — raced round social media, with the hashtag YouAintNoMuslimBruv becoming a top trending topic on Twitter. Mire, who is 29 and lives a few blocks from the east London subway station, appeared Monday at Westminster Magistrates' Court. Cawthorne, the prosecutor, said Mire launched a "violent, sustained and unprovoked" attack on a 56-year-old man, who was punched and kicked to the ground before being slashed in the neck during the attack. He required five hours of surgery on a 12-centimeter (5-inch) wound and is in stable condition in a hospital.

A written summary of the

prosecution case disclosed in court included details of the IS-related material found on the suspect's phone. Mire — who was arrested after police officers used a stun gun to subdue him — spoke only to confirm his name, age and address. He was ordered detained until a court appearance on Friday.

Police stepped up patrols at transport hubs after the incident, which came days after Parliament approved British airstrikes on Islamic State group targets in Syria. British-born Muslim extremists killed 52 people in subway and bus bombings July 2005. In May 2013, two al-Qaida-inspired attackers stabbed an off-duty soldier to death in a London street. Many Londoners have been on edge since the Paris carnage, which killed 130 people — and Prime Minister David Cameron said a similar attack "could happen here."

Many felt the Leytonstone bystander's comment struck a defiant note with distinctly British understatement. □

UK leader visits flood-hit northern England, Scotland

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron visited a swath of northwest England inundated by floods, as rescuers pulled people from waterlogged homes after record rainfall led to at least one death and swamped some 3,500 properties.

The visit comes amid criticism that 45 million pounds spent on flood defenses after major floods in 2005 failed to hold back the deluge in Cumbria, the hard-

est-hit county. The area got a month's worth of rainfall in a day — about 34 centimeters (13.4 inches).

Visiting a flooded home in the city of Carlisle, Cameron called the damage "horrific" and vowed to review flood defenses.

Environment Secretary Liz Truss said that in the worst-hit towns and cities, water levels were half a meter (20 inches) higher than during the 2005 floods.

She said extreme weather

events like the weekend deluge were "consistent with the trends we're seeing in terms of climate change."

While local leaders demanded an investigation, Floods Minister Rory Stewart defended the government, arguing that defenses had slowed down the water to allow more time for evacuations.

"When you face, as we have now, probably the highest rainfall we have

ever had in the United Kingdom, it is going to come over the top of defenses," he said. "But what the defenses do do is they slow it down. It gives us more time, it's given people here more time to evacuate safely and it's meant that there's less water on the streets than there would have been if we hadn't had that defense in place."

The military has been called in, and has been helping evacuate people

from their homes. Some 55,000 people were left without power, 40 schools were closed Monday and a main rail line between England and Scotland is likely to remain shut until at least Wednesday.

The same deluge battered southern Norway, causing floods, damaging property and closing roads. Iris Straume from the Norwegian Meteorological Institute said it was "the worst storm in 150 years." □

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Chinese parents go to court seeking to register 2nd children

LOUISE WATT

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Wan Chang's 6-year-old daughter collects passes — for her dance school, English lessons and other extra-curricular classes, anything bearing her name that she can pretend is an identity card. The girl is legally unregistered because her parents broke China's one-child policy in having her. They say they cannot afford to pay a 200,000 yuan (\$30,000) fine that would allow her to gain legal status. Without it, she can't visit a hospital or get on a plane to go on holiday to Disneyland like her friends. With the government's announcement in October that it would allow all married couples to have two children, Wan and her husband have decided to take family planning officials to court to try to get her registered without paying the fine.

Wan's daughter is one of nearly 14 million unregistered people across China, most a legacy of China's 35-year strict family planning policy that limited most urban couples to one child, though rural couples were allowed to have two if their first was a girl.

Those who are unregistered lack a "hukou" (pronounced HOO-koh) — a household registration entry in a small family book and on a police computer system. Without a hukou, a person has limited access to health care, education and other benefits, and cannot get a permanent ID card. "Now that the country has relaxed the one-child policy, I think it's time for us to call upon the public to realize that there are still a large number of marginalized people in China who have no hukou," said Wan, a 42-year-old housewife.

The Ministry of Public Security said last month every citizen has the right to a hukou and efforts should be made to register those without one. It gave no details on how, and no official has so far publicly backed any amnesty for fines,

which vary from city to city.

The hukou system predates the one-child policy, which perpetuates inequalities not only between registered and unregistered Chinese, but between urban and rural residents.

"The one-child is just a policy that can be quite easily changed, like China has just done, while the hukou is a much larger institution," said Kam Wing Chan, a geography professor at the University of Washington who researches the hukou system. "It has been around for almost 60 years now. It has all kinds of impact. It's dividing China socially, economically."

China's ruling Communist Party initiated the household registration system in the 1950s to control the movement of people. It ties them to their family's hometown and the subsidized health and education services available in that area. Changing one's hukou can be difficult, particularly shifting residence to big cities like Beijing and Shanghai where many migrants want to work.

The system has barely changed even as millions of people have moved from the countryside to cities. Big-city governments have balked at the costs of delivering education and health care to migrant workers and their children, an estimated 253 million people — almost a fifth of China's population.

China last year announced a cautious reform of the hukou system by allowing urban areas to give migrants a residence permit with some social benefits, or a local hukou if they meet a city's own residency requirements. Shanghai and Shenzhen are experimenting with registering migrants based on a points system related to educational background and their employment history in the city, for example. The government's plan aims to enable around 100 million people to settle in towns and cities by 2020.

None of those changes, however, are aimed at helping the unregistered.




Demonstrators urging the Chinese government to recognize unregistered children are stopped by policemen along the side of a road near Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Nearly 14 million people in China are unregistered according to official statistics, most a legacy of China's 35-year strict family planning policy that limited most urban couples to one child though rural couples were allowed to have two if their first is a girl. The signs read "Please give 13,000,000 unregistered children an identity." (AP Photo)

To create more public awareness of their cause to have their second children registered, Wan and

seven other mask-wearing parents cycled through Beijing on a recent smoggy Saturday with signs stuck

to the backs of their shirts pleading for unregistered children to be given "an identity." □



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Venezuela:

Opposition wins Congress, aims for supermajority

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's opposition, still rejoicing from its shock triumph in legislative elections, is now waiting anxiously for the final tally to see whether it secured a two-thirds supermajority that could dramatically wrest power from President Nicolas Maduro after 17 years of socialist rule.

The Democratic Unity opposition alliance declared Monday that it won the minimum number of seats needed to initiate a process to remove Maduro. But despite the efficiency and transparency promised by the country's electronic voting system, the National Electoral Council has yet to announce the results of 22 undecided races almost a full day after polls closed.

The opposition coalition won at least 99 seats in the incoming 167-seat legislature, electoral authorities announced after midnight Sunday, setting off a cacophony of car honks and fireworks in the capital's wealthier eastern neighborhoods. The ruling Socialist party and its allies won 46 seats.

The opposition coalition needs 13 of the 22 undecided races to give it the supermajority needed to sack Supreme Court justices, initiate a referendum to revoke Maduro's mandate and even convoke an assembly to rewrite Hugo Chavez's 1999 constitution.

Even if the opposition falls short, the landslide could unleash intense political battles. Since the late Chavez swept into power, the opposition has never held a branch of government.

Both sides are more accustomed to hurling insults than negotiating across the country's vast political divide, and a protracted power struggle could rip apart an economic and social fabric already in tatters.

Maduro urged his support-

ers to accept Sunday's results, even as he recalled the long history of US-supported coups in Latin America and blamed the "circumstantial" loss on a right-wing "counterrevolu-

tion" trying to sabotage Venezuela's oil-dependent economy and destabilize the government. "I can say today that the economic war has triumphed," said Maduro, who was surrounded by top socialist leaders in the presidential palace as he mostly pulled phrases from the stump speech he had been delivering before the election.



Opposition leaders, from left to right, Lilian Tintori, wife of jailed Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, Freddy Guevara, of the Voluntad Popular party, Jesus Torrealba, head of the Democratic Unity Movement (MUD) party and deputy Julio Borges celebrate in Caracas, Venezuela, early Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. Venezuela's opposition won control of the National Assembly by a landslide on Sunday, delivering a major setback to the ruling party and altering the balance of power after 17 years of socialist rule. (AP Photo/Alejandro Cegarra)

Hardliners in the opposition seemed similarly entrenched, preferring to talk about ending Maduro's rule before his term ends in 2019 rather than resolving Venezuela's triple-digit inflation, plunging currency and the widespread shortages expected to worsen in January as businesses close for the summer vacation.

Some opposition figures caution that the result has more to do with anger at Venezuela's woes than an embrace of the opposition. While even moderates pledged to use their new leverage to pass an

of humility," said political consultant Francisco Marquez, who managed one of the winning opposition campaigns. "This was a punishment vote and we will need to show people that we're up to the task." Voting Sunday was mostly peaceful, though several ruling party governors, including Chavez's brother Adan, were videotaped braving boos and insults as they entered polling centers. Turnout was a stunning 74 percent, the highest for a parliamentary election since Chavez ended compulsory voting in the 1990s. The scale of the political earthquake was such that socialists lost even in Chavez's home state of Barinas, where Adan Chavez is one of several family members holding high office. In the capital, the opposition won by almost 20 percentage points, even prevailing in the emblematic 23rd of January slum where a mausoleum holds the remains of Chavez, who is re-

vered by the poor as their "invincible commander."

It was also a major blow to Latin America's left, which gained power in the wake of Chavez's ascent but has struggled more recently

in the face of a region-wide economic slowdown and voter fatigue in some countries with rampant corruption.

Last month, Argentines rejected the chosen successor of President Cristina Fernandez, herself a close Chavez ally, turning instead to the relatively conservative mayor of Buenos Aires. And in Brazil, President Dilma Rousseff is battling impeachment over a corruption scandal in her long-ruling Workers' Party. Maduro had repeatedly vowed to defend Chavez's legacy in the streets if his party lost, but he softened his tone in his initial post-election comments.

Reining in Maduro, who became president after Chavez died in 2013, will be tough. He still has a near-complete grip on all other branches of government and state institutions, and may be able to outflank a hostile congress when it convenes next month. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Top finisher in Haiti election complains about fraud claims

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— The leading candidate in the disputed first round of Haiti's presidential vote says critics aren't providing evidence to back up their allegations of "massive fraud." Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council says Jovenel Moise received 33 percent of the vote. The government-backed candidate received 117,602 votes more than second-place finisher Jude Celestin. Moise asserted Monday that people have been making baseless accusations of electoral fraud. He says there were problems with the first round, "but you can't discredit the whole process." Celestin and seven other candidates have formed an alliance and assert that the vote and ballot-count were far too problematic to be legitimate. They are calling for a transitional government to oversee new elections unless changes are made before a scheduled Dec. 27 runoff.

Advocates say Haiti needs debate about risks of gold mining

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— A new report by legal experts says Haiti risks environmental havoc and human rights violations if gold mining proceeds in the impoverished country. Haiti's mineral extraction industry has been largely dormant since the 1970s. But mining has been seen as a potential new resource of revenue and jobs since Haiti's 2010 earthquake. The report says discussions about mining have largely taken place behind closed doors. It calls for a public debate about risks and benefits.

It says the next Haitian government should implement "preventive measures to avoid future human rights abuses and environmental harm." □



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PARADERA — Sinterklaas festivities and celebrations took place across the island of Aruba on Saturday, with families organizing parties for delighted groups of children to enjoy. Everyone came together to celebrate the birthday of Sinterklaas, who was accompanied with his Zwarte Piet.



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Present at the ceremony was Mr. Tino Daal, who handed out some nice gifts to the honorees and thanked them on behalf of Renaissance Ocean Suites. □

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It is a tradition that one of the Zwarte Piet asks the kids if they had behaved the whole year. One by one the kids were called up to answer to Sinterklaas and

Zwarte Piet. In the book of Sinterklaas it was noted how the kid has behaved during the whole year. Each child received a present and bag of candy after

Zwarte Piet and Sinterklaas talked to them. Some of the kids were scared for the Zwarte Piet and would well up with tears, but before the party

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Spieth Gets 3 Weeks to Reflect on Big Year on the Green

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College Football:
Turning Points, Season-Saving Plays Define Playoff Teams

Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley (3) celebrates a catch against Florida during the first half of the Southeastern Conference championship NCAA college football game, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, in Atlanta. Clemson will play Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl in the College Football Playoff semifinal on New Year's Eve, and Alabama will play Michigan State at the Cotton Bowl in the nightcap of the Dec. 31 doubleheader. In the end, the only real debate was how to rank the top four teams.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

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Spieth gets 3 weeks to reflect on big year

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) —

Jordan Spieth and his caddie shared the kind of hug on the 18th green normally seen only by winners.

They were six shots behind when they finished the Hero World Challenge, and it was clear this moment wasn't about Sunday at Albany Golf Club. This was about the realization that the year was finally over, the kind of year a player never wants to end. The Masters made it special. The U.S. Open made it incredible. The FedEx Cup made it lucrative. The No. 1 ranking made it satisfying. When the 22-year-old Texan made his final full swing of the year and was walking toward the green, caddie Michael Greller walked alongside him.

"Michael said, 'Hey, man, it's been an honor to be in the passenger seat, sitting shotgun for this ride this year. Thanks for everything,'" Spieth said. "Obviously, I thanked him. It's been a team effort this year, just as we always stress.

But yeah, there was certainly a sigh of relief."

It's time to take a break, even if it's a short one.

He leaves in just over three weeks for Maui, where the new year starts at Kapalua and Spieth will have to figure out an encore from winning two majors to get halfway to the Grand Slam, five tournaments overall, a record \$12 million in PGA Tour earnings and a sweep of all the major awards.

Except that he's not looking at it as a new year. It's simply a break.

He had a chance to win the Australian Open last week in Sydney until Matt Jones recovered on the back nine. Spieth was in range at the Hero World Challenge until Bubba Watson didn't give anyone much of a chance and won by three shots.

Spieth was on a victory lap these last two weeks, and he said he spent more time on the beach than on the putting green, with no regrets. He played 28 times this year, including the

Presidents Cup. He won or finished second 10 times. He was a combined 54-under par in the four majors. He was due a working vacation.

Even so, he's always looking ahead.

"I think these last two weeks, the fact that I didn't win when I had a chance, may actually be a good thing for me," he said. "I'm going to look at it positively that you can't settle down, you've got to work a little bit harder. Everyone is playing a high level of golf right

than all of them to getting the third leg. He was tied for the lead at the British Open with two holes to play until finishing one shot out of a playoff. He was in the final group of the PGA Championship and was runner-up by three shots to Jason Day.

Even so, the Masters is what made his year.

He opened with a 64 to build a three-shot lead, set the 36-hole record with a 66 on Friday and never gave anyone much hope after that. When it was, he



Jordan Spieth of the U.S. bends down to line up a putt on the 11th green during the Australian Open Golf Tournament in Sydney, Australia, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015.

(AP Photo/Rob Griffith)

now, and they're going to carry that into next season. So if I want to stay at the top, I'm going to have to outwork them.

And that's going to be challenging."

He was headed home to Dallas on Monday for his three-week break. His first order of business was to play golf.

Spieth is taking his father, Shawn, and agent Jay Danzi to Augusta National to enjoy the privileges of being the Masters champion. He also plans to play with Augusta member and AT&T chief executive Randall Stephenson.

And that's a fitting way to end the year.

Spieth joined Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods as the only players since 1960 to win the first two legs of the Grand Slam, and he came closer

tied the 72-hole record set by Tiger Woods in 1997.

"Before the tournament, we were one of the favorites," he said. "And then after the first round, it's on us. Every question is, 'You're supposed to win.' Without saying it, 'It's on you. What are you thinking now?' It's tough to sleep on that. And we did it so well."

With a green jacket on the line, it's not easy protecting such a big lead.

As he told the story, it brought him back to his first big tournament where he lost the lead.

He was 11.

The winner was a kid named Eddie DeVane.

"I had a two-shot lead with one hole to play," Spieth said. "I played it smart — I laid up. The kid made par and I made triple. He cruised to a two-shot victory." □

College Football:

Turning points define playoff teams

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AP College Football Writer

Clemson will play Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl in the College Football Playoff semifinal on New Year's Eve, and Alabama will play Michigan State at the Cotton Bowl in the nightcap of the Dec. 31 doubleheader. In the end, the only real debate was how to rank the top four teams. For the playoff teams, a series of season-saving moments and turning points have brought them two wins away from a national championship.

ALABAMA: The Crimson Tide lost to Ole Miss at home in late September, a game that left Alabama uneasy about its passing game and in need of help just to win the Southeastern Conference West.

To fix the offense, the Tide turned to Derrick Henry and let the tailback shoulder the load. The junior had at least 22 carries against each of Alabama's remaining SEC opponents, including a whopping 90 in the past two games.

Against Michigan State, it will be strength against strength. The Spartans rugged defensive line with Shilique Calhoun and Malik McDowell contained Ohio State and Iowa's running game.

To fix its Mississippi problem, Alabama got some help from Arkansas, which need a stunning bounce-pass lateral play to beat the Rebels in overtime and clear a path for the Tide to win the SEC.

CLEMSON: The Tigers tried to ease star quarterback Deshaun Watson into the 2015 season. The gifted dual-threat quarterback was coming off a major knee injury. Clemson coaches knew Watson's wheels would be a weapon, but it was one they didn't want to use until it was needed most — like in the rain against Notre Dame. Watson ran for 16 times for 103 yards and a score in that 24-22 victory against the Fighting Irish in October, a win sealed when the Tigers defensive line stopped a tying 2-point attempt with 7 seconds left.

Watson surpassed 100 yards rushing in four of the last five games.

Making plays on the move will be critical for Watson against Eric Striker, Charles Tapper and an Oklahoma pass rush that produced 3.08 sacks per game (fifth-best in the nation).

MICHIGAN STATE: No team in the playoff stared down defeat as frequently as the Spartans, and no situation was as dire as the one Michigan faced at the Big House in mid-October.

The Spartans turned a botched punt into a last-play, game-winning touchdown at Michigan. The play was dubbed Michigan State's Miracle, but in some ways it symbolized the Spartans' greatest traits. They seem to embrace adversity and delight in being the underdog. Those qualities should serve them well against an Alabama team that is favored by nine points, but has rarely been challenged deep into the fourth quarter.

OKLAHOMA: The result is even more puzzling now than it was back in October: Texas 24, Oklahoma 17.

There was nothing complicated about what went wrong in Dallas. The Sooners did not play tough. They missed tackles and blocks.

Instead of allowing that dud to define their season, quarterback Baker Mayfield and the Sooners went on a seven-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 364-136. Still, if not for Steven Parker slapping down TCU's 2-point conversion pass in the final seconds to preserve a 30-29 win in late November, the Sooners would not be here. □

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NFL Roundup:

Panthers stay unbeaten while Patriots suffer shock loss

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Unbeaten Carolina wrapped up the NFC South division title with a 41-38 win at New Orleans on Sunday, with Cam Newton finding Jericho Cotchery with 1:05 to go for his fifth touchdown pass of the game.

The Panthers improved to 12-0 — only the ninth team in NFL history to win their first dozen games — and became the first team to secure a division title.

The surprise result of the day came at New England, where the Patriots suffered a shock defeat at the hands of struggling Philadelphia, while other key games saw Seattle romp past Minnesota in a meeting of NFC playoff contenders, and Arizona improve to 10-2 with a convincing win at St. Louis.

Carolina quarterback Newton, who completed 28 of 41 passes for 331 yards, twice had to lead the Panthers back from fourth-quarter deficits to preserve the Panthers' unbeaten record.

Jonathan Stewart had a 5-yard scoring run on a pitch from Newton.

New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees passed for 282 yards and three touchdowns, while Saints linebacker Stephone Anthony returned a fumble 31 yards for a score and also became the first player in NFL history to return a blocked extra-point kick for 2 points. Philadelphia raced out to a 21-point lead at New England and held on to beat the fast-finishing Patriots 35-28.

The Eagles came into the game with a 4-7 record and had given up 45 points apiece in consecutive weeks heading into

a meeting with a Patriots team that had not lost back-to-back games since 2012, but pulled off a stunning result.

Najee Goode scored on

third straight game with a 38-7 victory at Minnesota.

Russell Wilson threw for three touchdowns and rushed for another while the Seahawks' defense

Williams scored his first career TD on a 35-yard run.

The Cardinals (10-2) have won six in a row, and with a three-game lead in the NFC West, seem certain to

fore leaving in the fourth quarter because of neck and shoulder pain. The Colts remain tied with Houston for the lead in the AFC North.

Denver won 17-3 at hapless San Diego, with second-string quarterback Brock Osweiler throwing for one touchdown.

Osweiler improved to 3-0 since taking over for the injured Peyton Manning, while Danny Trevathan intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards for a score.

It was potentially the penultimate Chargers game in San Diego, with the franchise eyeing a move to Los Angeles and the NFL telling the city of San Diego that it had until the end of this month to come up with plans for a new stadium or the Chargers would move. Kansas City extended its winning streak to six games with a 34-20 victory at Oakland, aided by three fourth-quarter interceptions thrown by Raiders quarterback Derek Carr.

The New York Jets rallied from 10 points down with 4:24 to go and beat the crosstown Giants 23-20 in overtime, with Randy Bullock kicking a 31-yard field goal on the first possession of OT.

Buffalo's Tyrod Taylor threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Charles Clay with 1:53 left to lead the Bills to a 30-21 win against Houston, putting the two teams on 6-6 records in the AFC playoff race.

Cincinnati closed in on the AFC North title with a 37-3 win at a woeful Cleveland which has lost seven straight. Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score. □



Carolina Panthers wide receiver Devin Funchess (17) scores a touchdown in front of New Orleans Saints cornerback Brandon Browner (39), New Orleans Saints linebacker James Anderson (42) and defensive tackle Kaleb Eulls (71) in the second half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. (AP Photo/Bill Feig)

a blocked punt, Malcolm Jenkins returned an interception 99 yards for another touchdown and Darren Sproles returned a punt 83 yards as the Eagles special teams and defense put the visitors up by 21.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady threw for a touchdown and then, after an onside kick, ran it in from the 1 yard-line to cut the deficit to seven points with 3 minutes left.

New England's second onside kick failed, but the Patriots (10-2) forced a third-down fumble to give Brady one more chance, but his receivers could not hold on to their subsequent chances.

A surging Seattle won a

didn't allow a score.

Doug Baldwin had two touchdowns and 94 yards receiving and Thomas Rawls rushed for 101 yards. Minnesota's star running back Adrian Peterson was limited to 18 yards on eight carries, and the Vikings (8-4) got their only points from a kickoff return in the third quarter.

Arizona's running backs David Johnson and Kerwynn Williams scored a touchdown apiece to lead the Cardinals to a 27-3 win at St. Louis.

Johnson, a rookie, had 99 yards on 22 carries in his first start and caught one of two TD passes by Carson Palmer, who led an offense that accrued 524 yards.

win the division.

The Rams (4-8) have lost five in a row and have been outscored 58-10 over the past two.

Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw for 364 yards and four touchdowns as the Steelers overwhelmed Indianapolis 45-10.

Antonio Brown caught eight passes for 118 yards and two scores and also returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown for the Steelers (7-5), who started slowly but dominated the final three quarters.

Colts quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, standing in for Andrew Luck, threw for 169 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions be-



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NBA Roundup:

Warriors beat Nets 114-98 to reach unprecedented 22-0

NEW YORK (AP) — Golden State improved their NBA-record season start to 22-0 by beating Brooklyn 114-98 on Sunday, with a generally subdued Stephen Curry still proving decisive for the Warriors, scoring 16 of his 28 points in the third quarter.

Among other results, Memphis needed a last second dunk by Jeff Green to beat Phoenix, and Wesley Matthews starred as Dallas overcame Washington.

Already owners of the best-ever start to a season, Golden State moved to within one win of the 2012-13 Miami Heat for the second-longest winning streak at any point of a season.

Coming off consecutive 40-point games, Curry was having a relatively quiet and even puzzling night — he missed his first three free throws — before helping the Warriors regain control against a team that nearly beat them this season and looked capable of finishing the job this time.

Draymond Green added 22 points, nine rebounds and seven assists and Klay Thompson scored 21 for the Warriors.

Memphis' Green jammed in a dunk on an alley-oop inbound pass from Courtney Lee with 0.5 seconds left to give the Grizzlies a 95-93 victory over Phoenix.

The Suns' last chance to tie the game came on Eric Bledsoe's shot from the right corner. The



two-point attempt was long, sending Phoenix to its fourth straight loss despite a late rally that had pulled the Suns even. Marc Gasol led Memphis with 22 points, while Lee scored 13 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter.

Bledsoe led the Suns with 23 points.

Dallas' Matthews scored 28 of his season-high 36 points in the second half to steer the Mavericks to a 116-104 win against Washington.

He hit 10 3-pointers overall and eight in the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points for Dallas, which took the lead early in the third quarter and pulled away in the fourth.

John Wall led Washington with 28 points but injured his right leg in a collision and was helped off the court with 1:14 left. The injury-plagued Wizards had just 10 players available.

Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook had his third triple-double of the season with 19 points, 10 assists and 11 rebounds as the Thunder left it late to overrun Sacramento and win 98-95.

Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant was cheered by Detroit fans in his last game at the Pistons, but came out on the losing side as the hosts won 111-91 to extend their winning trot to four games.

Brooklyn Nets center Brook Lopez (11) defends Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) who goes up to score in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in New York. Curry scored 28 points as the Warriors defeated the Nets 114-98.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

MLB's Keith Hernandez's memoir scheduled for 2017

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NEW YORK (AP) — Keith Hernandez, the outspoken broadcaster, "Seinfeld" favorite and former All-Star first baseman is working on a "no-holds-barred" memoir.

Little, Brown and Company told The Associated Press on Monday that "I Am Keith Hernandez" is scheduled for 2017.

Hernandez, 62, is expected

to write about everything from his childhood and acting career to his years with the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals, including the World Series titles he won with each team. He also will tell of his drug use, which he first acknowledged in the 1980s, and "the experiences of his teammates, enemies, and friends."

According to Little, Brown, "I Am Keith Hernandez"

will be a "passionate, and no-holds-barred memoir about life and baseball." Hernandez said in a statement issued through the publisher that he had been asked before to write such a book, "but the time wasn't right."

"Now I'm ready to give a book my all," he said. "I have a lot to say about the real Keith Hernandez, the life I had growing up in a house where a baseball

glove and cleats were the only new things I ever had, all the way through the seasons I had playing in and winning the World Series with the greatest groups of guys you could imagine." Hernandez has never written a full-fledged memoir, but previously he has published books, including "If at First: A Season With the Mets" and "Pure Baseball." Widely regarded as one of the game's greatest defen-

sive players, he also batted .296 during a career that ran from 1974-1990 and was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1979. Over the past decade, Hernandez has been an analyst on SNY's Mets telecasts. His memoir's title refers to his boastful voiceover, now a pop culture catchphrase, during a 1992 "Seinfeld" episode when Hernandez is dating Julia Louis-Dreyfus' character, Elaine. □

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NHL Roundup

Rangers beat Senators to go top of Metro division

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers returned to the top of the NHL Metropolitan Division with a 4-1 win against Ottawa on Sunday, with Derick Brassard scoring twice.

The Rangers moved a point above Washington, but the Capitals have three games in hand.

Another divisional leader, Los Angeles,

boosted its lead in the Pacific with a 3-1 win against Tampa Bay, while New Jersey ended Florida's road winning streak.

New York goaltender Henrik Lundqvist stopped 23 shots while Ryan McDonagh and Jesper Fast scored for the Rangers.

Marc Methot scored for Ottawa.

Los Angeles extended its home winning streak to six by beating Tampa Bay 3-1.

Andy Andreoff, Brayden McNabb and Milan Lucic scored for the Kings.

Brian Boyle scored for Tampa Bay,

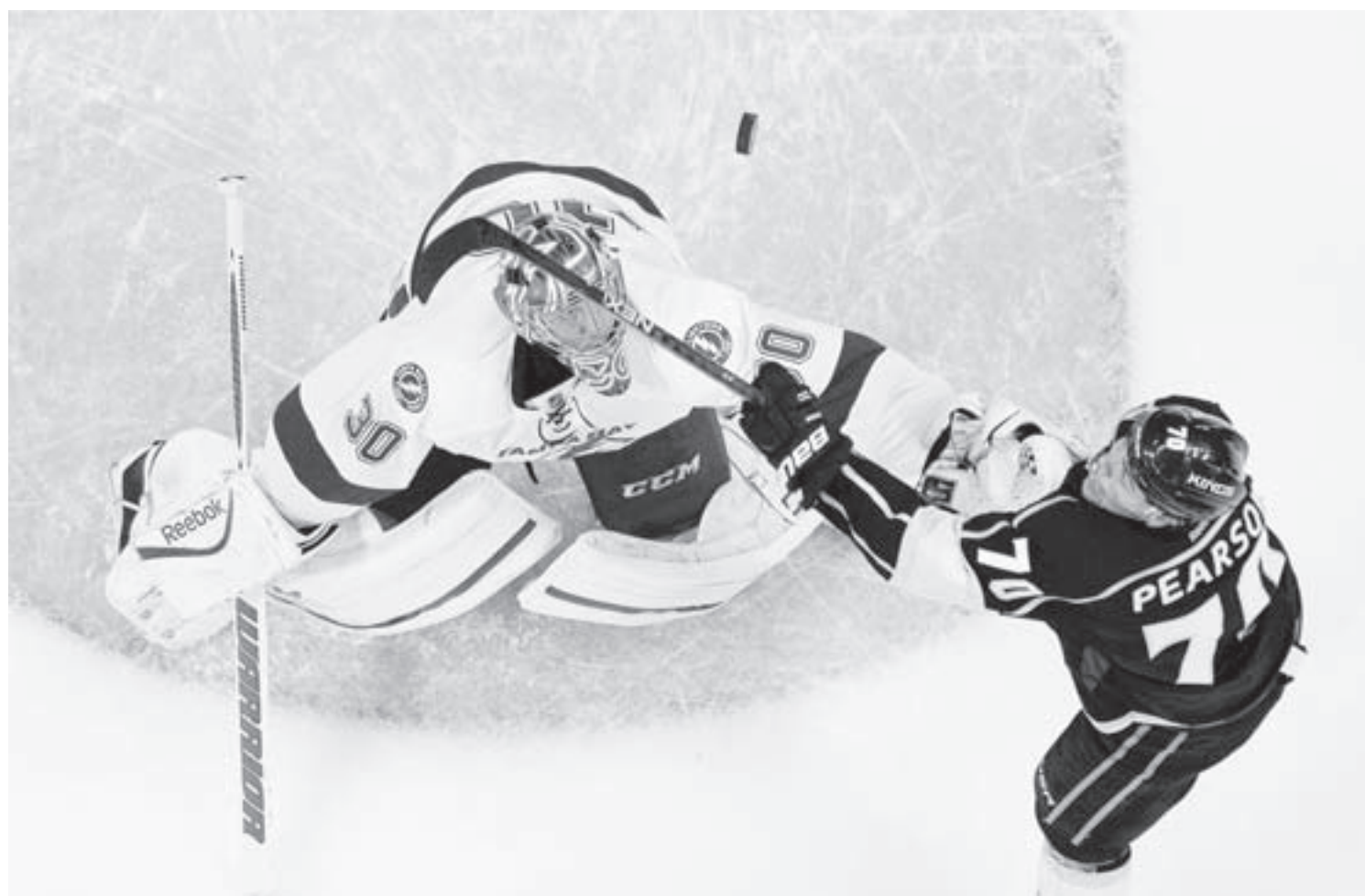
which started with back-up goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, with first-choice Ben Bishop suffering a poke in the eye by a stick in the previous game, but he later came off the bench.

New Jersey's Lee Stempniak and Kyle Palmieri scored first-period goals to set up a 4-2 win against Florida.

Cory Schneider made 34 saves while Adam Henrique and Mike Cammalleri also scored for the Devils, who had lost their previous four home games.

Aaron Ekblad and Huberdeau scored for the Panthers,

who had won five straight overall and a club record-tying five in a row on the road. □



Los Angeles Kings left wing Tanner Pearson, right, tries to score on Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Ben Bishop during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in Los Angeles. The Kings won 3-1.

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

Portland wins MLS Cup, beating Columbus 2-1

CRAIG MERZ
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Diego Valeri scored at the 27-second mark for the fastest goal in MLS Cup history and the Portland Timbers won the league title for the first time, beating the Columbus Crew 2-1 on Sunday.

Rodney Wallace made it 2-0 in the seventh minute, and the Crew's Kei Kamara scored in the 18th off a scramble in front of the goal.

But the early deficit was too much for Columbus to overcome.

Just after the opening whis-

tle, Columbus midfielder Wil Trapp sent a back pass to goalkeeper Steve Clark, who tried to move the ball from his right foot to the left for a clearance. But Clark didn't see Valeri closing and the midfielder poked the ball away from him and into the goal.

The Crew had barely recovered when a mental gaffe gave Portland a controversial second goal.

Crew midfielder Tony Tchani and several teammates stopped playing when the ball rolled several feet over the right boundary. Instead of a stoppage for a throw-in, Portland's

Darlington Nagbe kept going with the ball and sent a pass wide to Lucas Melano, who found Wallace for the header.

Kamara, who tied for the MLS regular-season lead with 22 goals, got his fourth in five playoff games with the aid of a poor punch by Timbers goalkeeper Adam Larsen Kwarasey.

Kwarasey was bumped by Kamara and the ball spilled in front of the goal. Diego Chara cleared the ball to Crew midfielder Federico Higuain and he fed Kamara for the score.

Portland almost doubled the lead in the 61st, but

a shot hit the post and crossbar then the arm of Crew defender Michael Parkhurst.

Even though Portland has been in MLS since 2011, the Timbers as a brand have been in existence for 40 years back to the North American Soccer League. The last time the Timbers played for a championship was a loss to the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the 1975 NASL Cup.

Columbus is founding member (1996) of MLS. It won its only championship in 2008, beating the New York Red Bulls 3-1 in Carson, Calif. □

Sepp Blatter at risk again from FIFA kickbacks scandal

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GENEVA (AP) — Sepp Blatter is at risk again from the World Cup bribery scandal that tainted much of his FIFA presidency.

Switzerland's justice ministry confirmed on Monday that American authorities formally asked for files in the ISL kickbacks case to aid their sprawling investigation of alleged racketeering by international soccer leaders.

The ISL marketing agency was found to have routinely bribed top sports officials, including Blatter's predecessor Joao Havelange, before collapsing into criminal bankruptcy in 2001. British broadcaster the BBC aired a program Monday alleging it had seen a letter obtained by the FBI that was written by Havelange and said Blatter had "full knowledge" of kickback payments in the 1990s. Blatter was Havelange's general secretary for 17 years until becoming president in 1998.

Blatter would not comment on the BBC's claim,

his spokesman Klaus Stoeckli told The Associated Press on Monday. FIFA said it is cooperating to provide "all relevant

information" to ongoing American and Swiss investigations, and would not comment on specific allegations.

The ISL case sent FIFA into financial crisis, then dogged the governing body and Blatter through a criminal trial of six agency executives in 2008. A legal fight followed as FIFA tried to keep sealed the identity of officials named in a settlement deal to repay bribes. Two years ago, FIFA finally declared the case closed after its ethics committee reviewed the case.

The ethics judgment confirmed three longtime executive committee members as bribe-takers: Havelange, who was FIFA

as president of the South American confederation CONMEBOL. Criticizing Havelange and Teixeira for "morally and ethically reproachable" conduct, the ethics ruling of April 2013 also noted that commercial bribery was not illegal in Switzerland in the 1990s.

And Blatter's behavior over the years did not amount to "any criminal or ethical misconduct," ethics judge Joachim Eckert wrote. Blatter had been merely "clumsy," Eckert said, when in March 1997 he sent back a payment of 1.5 million Swiss francs (then \$1 million) which arrived at FIFA for Havelange from ISL. Being cleared of misconduct was a relief to the FIFA president, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke told the AP days after the ruling was published. The name ISL that was "tattooed on his forehead" for more than a decade was washed away from Blatter by the ethics panel's summary, Valcke said in May 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. □



FIFA President Sepp Blatter gestures as he attends a news conference in Marrakech, Morocco. The FBI is investigating Blatter's role in a kickbacks scandal that involved his predecessor as FIFA president, Joao Havelange, the BBC reported Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

Copa del Rey mistake exposes a fragile Real Madrid

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MADRID (AP) — The team that calls itself the best in the world is entangled in an ordeal that only amateur clubs are used to dealing with.

Real Madrid inexplicably fielded an ineligible player in a Copa del Rey match last week, prompting its embarrassing elimination from the competition. To make it worse, the club is defiantly trying to shift blame and avoid punishment on a technicality.

The mistake and the attempt to dodge responsibility dents Madrid's grandiose reputation, and exposes the fragility of the Spanish giant. It further deepens the crisis sparked by a demoralizing 4-0 home loss to rival Barcelona two weeks ago, and raises questions about the future of its leaders. Fans have had enough



Real Madrid's Cheryshev walks off the field as Rafa Benitez gestures during a Copa del Rey soccer match between Cadiz and Real Madrid at the Ramon de Carranza stadium in Cadiz, Spain, Wednesday Dec. 2, 2015. (AP Photo/Angel Fernandez)

and are not being easily satisfied by wins on the field. The calls for the resignation of coach Rafa Benitez and president Florentino Perez have become a constant at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

The team's disqualification from the Copa del Rey because of a bureaucratic

misstep is proving to be too much to the team's demanding supporters. And although some might be happy that the club is doing everything it can to get reinstated, the attempt is seen by the rest of the soccer world as an act of desperation.

The Copa del Rey game

against Cadiz wasn't even over when the shocking news of Madrid's mistake began spreading across Spain: The team fielded Russian-born player Denis Cheryshev, who was carrying over a one-game suspension from last season for accumulation of yellow cards while playing on loan for Villarreal.

Social media exploded with users talking about the potential problem, and the mistake quickly became the focus of Spanish media covering the game. Cheryshev had already scored Madrid's first goal in the 3-1 victory, and was substituted early in the second half, apparently after team officials realized the problem. For the second time in less than a month, president Perez was forced to come out and speak publicly about a difficult situation involving his team. He had already done it to dis-

play his support to coach Benitez after the humiliating home loss to Barcelona. But instead of trying to explain how a team as powerful and wealthy as Madrid didn't notice that Cheryshev was suspended, Perez stood tall in front of reporters and said that his team did nothing wrong and shouldn't be punished. He said the club would appeal and explore "every avenue" to reverse the Spanish federation's decision.

"We believe that the ban should not take effect because the player was not personally notified, which is what the code says," Perez said. "Quite honestly, if we were not told by the player, who is the individual who needs to know about it, if we were not told by either the federation or Villarreal, who are aware of it, it was impossible for us to know about it." □

At Issue:

Social media, the new megaphone for violent perpetrators

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(AP) — Tashfeen Malik, the woman involved in this week's Southern California mass shooting, has another claim to notoriety: She's the latest in a growing line of extremists and disturbed killers who have used social media to punctuate their horrific violence.

A Facebook official said Friday that Malik, using an alias, praised the Islamic State group in a Facebook post shortly before — or during — the attack. Malik's posting echoes similar bids for attention by violent perpetrators, including a disgruntled Virginia broadcaster who recorded himself shooting two co-workers and then posted the video online and a Florida man who killed his wife and shared a photo of her body on social media.

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media companies do their best to block or remove posts that glorify violence. But experts say it's an uphill battle, and the advent of new services that let people stream live video from any event will only make the task more challenging.

"Now everyone has the opportunity to talk to a larger audience," said Karen North, a professor of digital social media at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School. "If you commit an act and you want people to know about it, you now have a way to promote it."

Social media didn't invent extremist violence. But the Islamic State and similar groups have become deft at using social media to spread their message, both to recruit followers and to threaten their perceived enemies. "They can rapidly and easily identify others who share their beliefs," said Marcus Thomas, a former assistant director of the FBI's operational technology division.

Like many young adults, the 27-year-old Malik and her 28-year-old husband,

Syed Farook, seemed comfortable with social media. A U.S. intelligence official said Farook had been in contact with known Islamic extremists online. But there is no sign anyone from the Islamic State communicated with Malik or provided

of making sure that users understand" that posts or videos glorifying violence will be taken down, said Stephen Balkam, head of the nonprofit Family Online Safety Institute, which works with Facebook and other sites to promote safe

removed it again.

Another problem: Violent posts can resurface even after they are taken down. When a fired TV reporter with a grudge killed two former co-workers in Virginia over the summer, he videotaped his own actions

ate recently considered a bill that would require social media companies to report any "terrorist activity" they found on their site to government authorities. Opponents questioned whether private companies were qualified to decide what



Derek Medina is led out of the courtroom after he was found guilty of second-degree murder, Wednesday Nov. 25, 2015 in Miami. Medina, who killed his wife and posted a photo of the bloody corpse on Facebook, was convicted after failing to convince a jury that he shot her eight times in self-defense. Medina is one in a growing number of disturbed killers and extremists who have used social media to punctuate their horrific violence.

(Walter Michot/The Miami Herald via AP, Pool)

any guidance for the attack on a San Bernardino social service center, which left 14 people dead and 21 wounded.

YouTube, Twitter and other online services use automated software to help detect posts that violate their terms of service, including those that depict or encourage violence. They also encourage users to report such material, so it can be reviewed and removed. Facebook declined comment Friday. But the page containing statements posted by the woman involved in this week's San Bernardino shootings was taken down. Malik and her husband, Syed Farook, died hours after the attack in a gun battle with police. The social network has done "a fairly good job

practices for children.

Still, he cautioned: "All the policies in the world won't help" unless companies also devote staff and resources to enforcing them. Even then, he said, it's not always easy to determine whether taking something down is the right thing to do.

Two years ago, Balkam publicly criticized Facebook when the giant social network reversed its own decision to take down a graphic video of a masked man beheading a woman. In that case, Facebook said it decided to allow the video because users were sharing it as a way of condemning the violence attributed to Mexican drug gangs. But the company eventually concluded the post was too offensive and

and then uploaded the clip to Facebook. The company took it down, but not before someone else had copied it and re-posted it on other sites, North said. Facebook explicitly bans content being shared by "dangerous organizations" engaged in terrorist activity or organized crime. But even that requires a judgment call, because not everyone around the world defines terrorism in the same way, said David Greene, civil liberties director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights group.

"Most of these areas are more gray than black or white, and that can put these companies in a very difficult position," Greene said.

Lawmakers in the U.S. Sen-

constitutes terrorist activity. Tech representatives also warned the bill would have resulted in excessive reports to law enforcement and an overload of unhelpful data. The provision was later dropped.

Given the pervasiveness of social media, it's perhaps no surprise that some criminals have posted evidence of their own acts. Authorities say teenagers in Illinois, Michigan and California have posted clips of themselves committing rape and assault — apparently to brag to their friends. Law enforcement officials say Florida resident Derek Medina posted a photo of his wife's body on Facebook with a note accusing her of abusing him. He was convicted of second-degree murder this year. □

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Oil hits lowest price since 2009, sinking energy stocks

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A sharp drop in the price of oil on Monday rattled investors and helped push stocks lower across several industries.

Investors sold from the start of trading following a decision by OPEC last week not to cut production. Benchmark U.S. crude dropped nearly 6 percent, deepening its stunning 1½ year plunge, to close at its lowest level in nearly seven years. The losses were broad, with seven of the 10 industry sectors in the Standard & Poor's 500 index closing lower.

As they have all year, oil drillers bore the brunt of the selling. Chevron and Exxon Mobil, both members of the 30-stock Dow Jones industrial average, each fell nearly 3 percent. "There was a big hope that OPEC would announce a production cut, but it just didn't happen," said Mizuho Securities Chief Economist Steven Ricchiuto. He added: "The whole world is facing excess supply as the global economy slows."

The Dow gave up 117.12 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,730.51. The S&P 500 fell 14.62 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,077.07. The Nasdaq composite dropped 40.46 points, or 0.8 percent, to 5,101.81.

Airlines stocks were among the winners as investors anticipated bigger profits

thanks to falling fuel costs. JetBlue Airways jumped \$1.01, or 4 percent, to \$26.49. Delta Air Lines also rose 4 percent, gaining \$2 to close at \$51.78.

stock market more vulnerable to price swings in the commodity.

In each of the past three quarters, as oil prices have tanked, earnings per share

cent in recent weeks.

— Keurig Green Mountain soared 72 percent after agreeing to be acquired by a private equity firm. The stock jumped \$37.19



Traders work at the post of specialist Meric Greenbaum, center, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A sharp drop in the price of oil on Monday rattled investors and helped push stocks lower across several industries.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

In theory, lower oil prices should help many stocks because consumers often spend money elsewhere that they save at the pump or on heating bills. But investors have been disappointed.

"Retailers have been waiting for the pump-price dividend to filter into their stores, but for the most part we're not seeing it," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

Meanwhile, the shift in the U.S. to producing more oil has made the

for energy companies in the S&P 500 have dropped more than 50 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ, a financial data provider. After Monday's drop, their stocks are down 22 percent since the start of the year.

Among other stocks making big moves:

—Chipotle Mexican Grill dropped \$9.45, or 1.7 percent, to \$551.75. The restaurant chain warned late Friday that an outbreak of E. coli linked to its restaurants sent sales plummeting by as much as 22 per-

to \$88.89.

— Office Depot plunged nearly 16 percent after regulators said they would try to block a proposed purchase of the company by rival Staples for \$6.3 billion. Office Depot dropped \$1.04 to \$5.59. Staples fell \$1.70, or nearly 14 percent, to \$10.66.

— Stocks of gun makers soared on the prospect of big sales amid a push for greater gun control following the San Bernardino shootings. Smith & Wesson Holding added \$1.45, or 7.6 percent, to \$20.44. □

STREET BRIEFS

Germany's Linde buying American HomePatient Inc

BERLIN (AP) — German technology group Linde AG says it is buying U.S. home care company American HomePatient, Inc. for an undisclosed sum. Linde, which is active in gases and engineering, said Monday that the acquisition from Highland Capital Management LP is expected to close in the first quarter. The company will be integrated into Linde's U.S. subsidiary, Lin-care. American HomePatient, based in Brentwood, Tennessee, specializes in respiratory therapies for patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, and obstructive sleep apnea, or OSA. It employs some 2,700 people in 38 states and is mainly active in the eastern U.S. Linde says the purchase, which is subject to regulatory approval, will strengthen its U.S. growth and reinforce its position in health care. □

US faces \$1 billion in trade penalties for meat labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Trade Organization ruled Monday that Canada and Mexico can slap more than \$1 billion in tariffs on U.S. goods in retaliation for meat labeling rules it says discriminated against Mexican and Canadian livestock. At issue were U.S. labels on packaged steaks and other cuts of meat that say where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered. The WTO has previously found that the so-called "country of origin" labeling rules put Canadian and Mexican livestock at a disadvantage. It ruled Monday that Canada could impose \$780 million in retaliatory tariffs and Mexico could impose \$228 million. The labels, which allow consumers to learn where their meat came from, were supported by U.S. ranchers who compete with Canada. □

China's Citic Securities says can't reach 2 senior execs

KELVIN CHAN

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — One of China's biggest securities companies said it can't contact its top two investment bankers after media reports said the pair might be under investigation.

Citic Securities Co. said in a statement Sunday evening that it hasn't been able to get in touch with Chen Jun and Yan Jianlin.

Financial news magazine Caixin reported Friday on its website that the two were taken away by au-

thorities but it wasn't clear whether they were the ones being investigated or were merely being asked to assist in an investigation. The two are the latest executives to go missing from Citic as authorities deepen an investigation into the company following a spectacular rout on China's stock market over the summer.

Chen is head of Citic's investment banking business while Yan is head of the company's international investment banking

arm, according to its website.

Authorities are also scrutinizing two other big Chinese securities firms as part of the investigation, which many see as an attempt by the ruling Communist Party to deflect blame for the Shanghai index's 30 percent drop from its peak. State media had encouraged the public to buy stocks, fueling a bubble.

In August, the official Xinhua news agency said eight Citic employees were being investigated

for illegal stock trading. The following month, the police ministry said Citic executives including its general manager, Cheng Boming, were suspected of insider trading and leaking sensitive information.

The company said in a statement to the Hong Kong stock exchange that operations were "normal" and some employees who were asked to help in unspecified preliminary investigations have returned to work, although it didn't name them. □

Keurig, maker of single-cup coffee machines, is being sold

JOSEPH PISANI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The battle over the world's coffee drinkers is getting hotter. Keurig, the maker of single-cup coffee machines sitting on millions of kitchen counters, agreed to sell itself Monday for almost \$14 billion to JAB Holding Co., a private company with a growing java business.

Fans of Keurig may not see much of a difference in their caffeine fix. JAB Holding said Keurig will operate independently and remain in its headquarters in Waterbury, Vermont.

The Keurig deal will boost JAB Holding's already robust coffee empire. The Luxembourg-based company has a controlling stake in Jacobs Douwe

Egberts, the company behind Gevalia, Tassimo and many other brands. It also has stakes in Peet's Coffee & Tea and Caribou Coffee, two companies that already have deals in place to make coffee pods for Keurig machines.

Buying Keurig will get JAB Holding closer to coffee market leader Nestle, said Stifel analyst Mark Astra-

chan, in a note to clients. He also said that JAB Holding may try to sell more Keurig brewing machines internationally.

Outside of coffee, JAB Holding has stakes in beauty products maker Coty and high-end shoe seller Jimmy Choo. The deal comes as Keurig has reported slowing sales of its machines and K-cups, the coffee-

filled pods that are used in Keurig's machines. Sales of K-cups, which accounted for more than 80 percent of Keurig's revenue, rose 1 percent to \$3.6 billion in the year ending Sept. 26. Sales of its machines fell 23 percent to \$632.6 million in the same period. Its stock has suffered too, falling nearly 61 percent since the beginning of the year. □

GE scraps \$3.3B appliance business sale to Electrolux



The General Electric logo is seen at a plant in Belfort, eastern France. GE has scrapped a \$3.3 billion plan to sell its home appliance business to the Swedish company Electrolux, a deal opposed by U.S. regulators over concerns about competition.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

The Associated Press (AP) GE has scrapped a \$3.3 billion plan to sell its home appliance business to the Swedish company Electrolux, a deal opposed by U.S. regulators over concerns about competition.

The Fairfield, Connecticut,

conglomerate said that it will continue to run the business as it looks for other options to sell it.

General Electric Co. offered no reason for its decision in a brief statement released Monday.

Electrolux is the world's second-biggest home appli-

ance maker after U.S. rival Whirlpool. The Stockholm-based company sells most of its products in the U.S. under the Frigidaire brand. The U.S. Department of Justice had sued to stop the deal in July, saying the combined company would dominate sales of

ovens and other cooking-related kitchen appliances, especially to customers like home builders, property managers, hotels, and governments.

An antitrust attorney representing Electrolux downplayed competitive concerns by noting that Asian brands like Samsung and LG have rapidly increased their share of the large appliance market over the past decade. The attorney also said huge retailers like Home Depot and major home builders can pressure manufacturers to keep prices low and competition intense.

Electrolux said Monday that it "regrets that GE has terminated the agreement while the court procedure is still pending."

The Swedish company said settlement proposals that it considered to be reasonable were offered to federal regulators and would have addressed concerns about competition, but the Department of Justice rejected those proposals.

General Electric has been selling parts of its portfolio as it pushes to focus more on core industrial business that make large, complicated equipment for other companies.

Nick Heymann, an analyst at William Blair and Co., called the Electrolux deal "great," but said GE "couldn't get around" the anti-trust issues.

Samsung and LG, with strong market share in North America, could be prospective new buyers, he said. GE's home appliance business is doing well, with a "whole new set of enhanced models," Heymann said. GE has a "more saleable asset" and has the "option to reboot" following the collapse of the Electrolux deal, he said.

GE said Monday that it was entitled to a breakup fee of \$175 million from Electrolux. GE shares fell 24 cents to \$30.25 in afternoon trading Monday, while Electrolux AB Class B shares dropped more than 13 percent in Stockholm. □

Chipotle shares down after sales warning linked to E. coli

CANDICE CHOI
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Chipotle shares continued falling Monday as the company faces its first decline in a key sales figure after an outbreak of E. coli linked to its restaurants.

The chain known for touting its quality ingredients said Friday it expects sales to drop between 8 percent and 11 percent at established locations for the fourth quarter if cur-

rent trends continue. That would mark the first time the figure fell since Chipotle went public in 2006.

Chipotle's stock was down 3.5 percent at \$541.53 in midday trading Monday.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Chipotle said sales have been "extremely volatile" since it closed restaurants in Oregon and Washington in early November as a result of the outbreak. Sales plummeted by as

much as 22 percent as additional cases were reported, and were down 16 percent for November.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had said earlier Friday that the outbreak had widened and sickened 52 people in nine states. It has not yet identified the ingredient that made people sick.

The first cases were reported at the end of October, and the agency said the most recent illness started

on Nov. 13

About 48 million people get sick from a foodborne illness each year, according to the CDC.

Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., based in Denver, says whatever the likely ingredient was that made people sick is out of its restaurants and that it is adopting stricter food safety standards.

The company, which has benefited from marketing its use of local ingredients, said some of its local pro-

duce suppliers might not be able to meet the new standards. Locally sourced produce accounts for a "relatively small percentage" of the produce the chain uses, said Chris Arnold, a Chipotle spokesman. Jeffrey Bernstein, a Barclays analyst, noted that fast-food chains have recovered from similar foodborne illnesses in the past. But he said Chipotle's recovery will likely take longer given greater social media awareness. □

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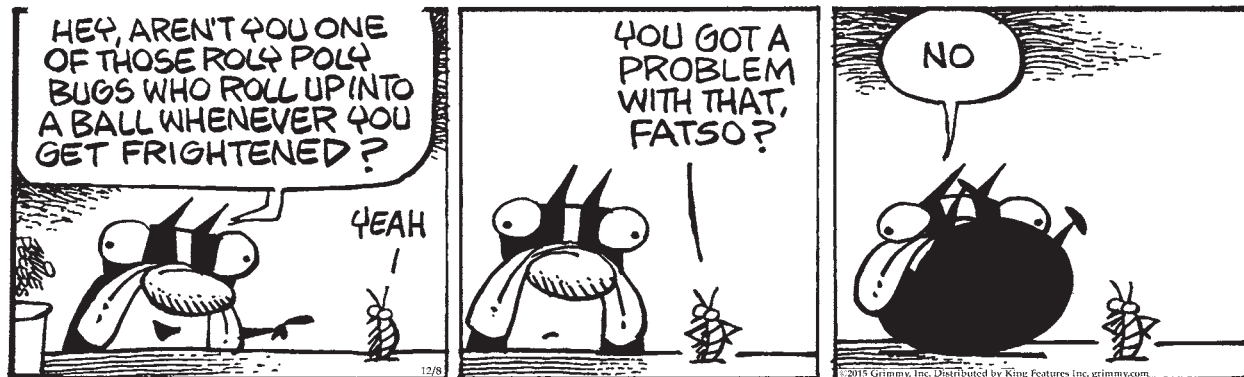
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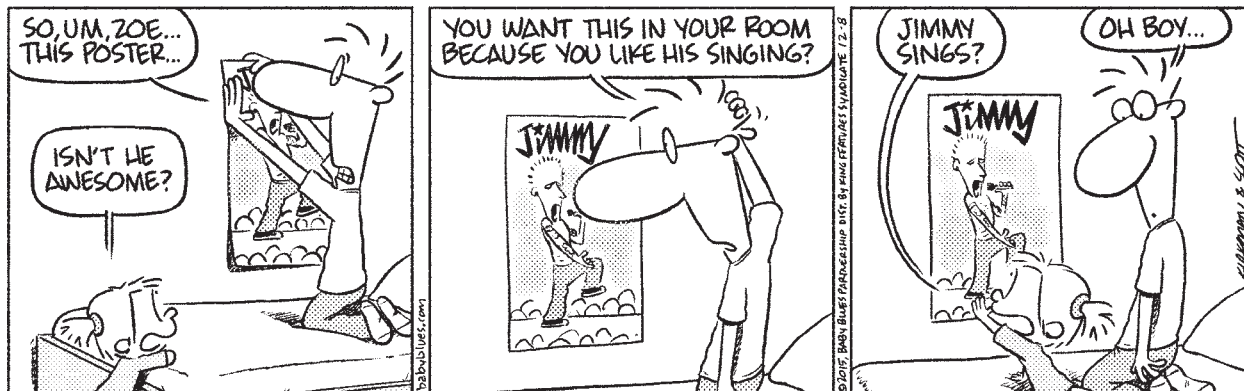
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12/08

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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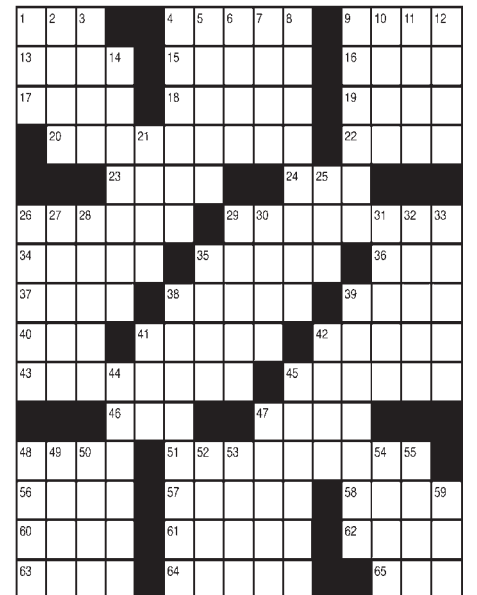
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ACROSS

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- TV's "The Amazing"
- Benumbing
- for; requests
- Beaver projects
- Suffix for heir or host
- Manly
- Glorifying
- In; suffering greatly
- Short pleasure trip
- Conjunction
- Punch
- four; dainty iced pastry
- "Fuzzy Wuzzy" bear...
- Very long time
- M&M color
- Irish; fine fabric
- Soft drinks
- Most impolite
- Hired vehicle
- Voice amplifier
- Tilt, as a ship
- Car crashes
- Hold; keep
- Nonchalant
- Sups
- Night twinkler
- Procrastinator's word
- Faucet problem
- Weeps
- Pitchers
- Ask intrusive questions

DOWN

- D's forerunners
- Bug spray
- Toy with a tail
- Wily plot
- Take; go to great effort
- Prefix for toxin or histamine
- Lunchtime
- Title for a police officer
- Annoy persistently
- Namesakes of Zsa Zsa's sis
- Nickname for Richard
- Elegant poems
- Ahead, so far
- Actress Tyne
- Command to Fido
- Flower holders
- House of snow
- Circular
- Cracker spreads
- Damage badly
- Senseless
- Snouts
- 19th-century U.S. president
- Army vehicle
- Likely
- Expanded
- Transcript avg.
- Gospel writer
- Oscar hopefuls
- Passengers
- Tightwad
- Team's defeat
- Take account; consider
- Puncture
- Talon
- Actress Blanchett
- Waterproof covering
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Largest Navy destroyer headed to sea for tests



The first Zumwalt-class destroyer, USS Zumwalt, the largest ever built for the U.S. Navy, passes spectators at Fort Popham at the mouth of the Kennebec River in Phippsburg, Maine, Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in Bath, Maine. The ship is headed out to sea for the first time to undergo sea trials. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

DAVID SHARP
Associated Press

BATH, Maine (AP) — The largest destroyer ever built for the U.S. Navy headed out to sea for the first time Monday, departing from shipbuilder Bath Iron Works and carefully navigating the winding Kennebec River before reaching the open ocean where the ship will undergo sea trials. More than 200 shipbuilders, sailors and residents gathered to watch as the futuristic 600-foot (183-meter), 15,000-ton (13,600-metric ton) USS Zumwalt glided past Fort Popham, accompanied by tugboats.

Kelley Campana, a Bath Iron Works employee, said she had goose bumps and tears in her eyes.

"This is pretty exciting. It's a great day to be a shipbuilder and to be an American," she said. "It's the first in its class. There's never been anything like it. It looks like the future." Bath Iron Works will be testing the ship's performance and making tweaks this winter. The goal is to deliver it to the Navy sometime

automation will allow the warship to operate with a much smaller crew size than current destroyers.

All of that innovation has led to construction delays and a growing price tag. The Zumwalt, the first of three ships in the class, will cost at least \$4.4 billion. The ship looks like nothing ever built at Bath Iron Works.

The inverse bow juts forward to slice through the waves. Sharp angles deflect enemy radar signals. Radar and antennas are hidden in a composite deckhouse.

The builder sea trials will answer any questions of seaworthiness for a ship that utilizes a type of hull associated with pre-dreadnought battleships from a century ago. □

next year.

The ship has electric propulsion, new radar and sonar, powerful missiles and guns, and a stealthy design to reduce its radar signature. Advanced

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An unspoken option if climate talks fail: Geoengineering



A woman takes a picture of a globe at the COP21, the United Nations Climate Change Conference Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 in Le Bourget, north of Paris. The Paris conference is the 21st time world governments are meeting to seek a joint solution to climate change. The talks are focused on reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, primarily by shifting from oil, coal and gas to cleaner sources of energy. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

PARIS (AP) — It's the option climate negotiators here are loath to talk about. What if they fail to curb global warming and the environment gets so dangerous that someone decides to do something drastic and play mad sci-

entist? Should nations purposely pollute the planet to try to counteract man-made warming and cool the world? Scientists are pretty sure they can do it, but should they? The issue is called geoengineering — purposely tinkering with the planet as opposed to the unintentional

warming that's happening now. The most talked about and advanced method involves putting heat-reflecting particles high in the air, but there also have been proposals to seed clouds other ways, put mirrors in space and seed the oceans with iron. Scientists noticed a tempo-

rary but pronounced cooling after the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines. What's in mind would be, essentially, an artificial and constant man-made volcano with material released by aircraft or cannons.

No one is talking about doing it — yet. But some scientists want to study it to find about side effects and other issues. And earlier this year, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences said small-scale and controlled experiments could be helpful to inform future decisions.

Even geoengineering's most ardent research supporters aren't proposing it instead of cutting back heat-trapping emissions from burning fossil fuels. But they say someday it may be needed. However, it doesn't solve all climate change problems, just the temperature part.

Stanford University climate scientist Ken Caldeira isn't advocating seeding clouds with sulfur particles any time soon, but he does fear a failure in climate talks and believes that at

some point in the future, drastic options will look more palatable. He thinks scientists need to prepare now.

"I think of it as kind of symptomatic relief," Caldeira said in an interview on the sidelines of the U.N.-led Paris talks. "I'm thinking like morphine for the cancer patient."

But others inside the negotiations shudder at even talking about the issue.

"The emissions and the climate change that we're causing with that is already a massive experiment on our world that we don't really know the outcome of," said U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Janos Pasztor. "So I don't think we should start another set of experiments and go into geoengineering. I think we should get our act together and reduce our emissions."

Joe Ware, a spokesman for the faith group Christian Aid, was even more blunt. "It's probably playing God a bit too much for the faith community," Ware said Friday. He said the world needs more wind farms and solar power instead.

Harvard scientist David Keith has been working on plans to test what he calls solar geoengineering in the atmosphere at a very small scale. Year one would involve balloons putting small amounts of sulfate in the air and tracking changes and side effects. Although he has received interest from private individuals, he has been unable to get the federal government to pay attention, he said. "You can't uninvent this technology," Keith said. "The next generation of our kids will make decisions about this as we deal with climate risk, whatever we do."

Australia to invest \$800M in boosting innovation

ROD MCGUIRK
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia's government announced new economic policies Monday aimed at attracting entrepreneurs from abroad and promoting innovation in an economy that has slowed after a mining boom. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said his government will invest 1.1 billion Australian dollars (\$800 million) in creating incentives for innovation and entrepreneurship and promot-

ing the study of science, mathematics and computing in schools.

It is Turnbull's first major economic policy announcement since he ousted Tony Abbott as prime minister in a surprise September ballot of ruling party lawmakers. The government will introduce a new class of visa for entrepreneurs with innovative ideas and financial backing to develop their businesses in Australia. Foreign students who graduate from Australian universities with specialized

doctorate and masters qualifications in science, technology, engineering or mathematics would be assisted to become permanent residents of Australia.

The government would also reform solvency laws. The current penalty period for bankrupts would be reduced from three years to one year. Company directors would also be given more protections from being held personally liable for a failed business, striking a new balance between

encouraging entrepreneurship and protecting creditors.

The government plans to introduce new laws that would enable companies to access crowd-sourced equity funding to develop innovative business plans. Early stage investors in startups would be provided with tax concessions. It said wants to encourage an "ideas boom" by promoting collaboration between business, universities and the research industry. □

Feel the Force: R2-D2 helps honor Lucas at Kennedy Center

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The technology that George Lucas brought to moviemaking came back to haunt him at the Kennedy Center Honors. As the tribute to Lucas began at Sunday night's gala honoring him and four others for contributing to American culture through the arts, the crowd was asked to welcome Carrie

had a part in seven of the top 10 grossing movies of all time.

"He's a pathfinder and a pioneer like Edison and Bell and Tesla and Jobs," Spielberg said. "George Lucas' 'Star Wars' absolutely changed films forever."

"The Force Awakens," the seventh movie in the franchise and the first made without Lucas' involvement as director, producer or writer, opens Dec. 18 and

ored for her performance as Anita in "West Side Story." She was honored for her diverse and boundary-pushing career, including memorable stints on children's television.

Moreno is one of a handful of artists to win an Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony. At an earlier White House ceremony for the honorees, Obama said she pushed back against Hollywood typecasting.

Jones in "The Gin Game." Ozawa, who was born in China to Japanese parents, began conducting as a teenager in Japan after World War II. He went on to lead the Boston Symphony Orchestra for 29 years. Violinist Itzhak Perlman and soprano Renee Fleming paid tribute to him during Sunday's honors, which also included a performance by past honoree Yo-Yo Ma. King was inducted into the

Songwriters' Hall of Fame nearly 30 years ago for her broad influence on pop music, which helped shape the sounds of the 1960s and 70s. Her compositions include "The Loco-Motion," "One Fine Day" and "I'm into Something Good." Obama said King's first solo album, "Tapestry," was one of the first albums he ever bought; it's also one of the highest-selling albums of any genre. □



2015 Kennedy Center Honors honorees from left, actress and singer Rita Moreno, filmmaker George Lucas, and singer-songwriter Carole King, react as President Barack Obama speaks about Lucas during the 2015 Kennedy Center Honors reception in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Fisher. But the star of the original "Star Wars" trilogy and the upcoming "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" didn't appear in person. Instead, one of Lucas' beloved creations, the feisty droid R2-D2, rolled onstage and projected her image. Fisher said she wanted to be there in person to honor Lucas, "but since you invented video voicemail, I didn't have to."

Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese, fellow directors who along with Lucas brought new energy to American cinema in the 1970s, offered more conventional tributes to the "Star Wars" creator, hailing him for his technological wizardry and his commitment to storytelling.

Lucas also created the "Indiana Jones" franchise, directed by Spielberg, and his special-effects company, Industrial Light & Magic,

is expected to be one of the highest-grossing films in history. As the crowd of Washington power brokers and Hollywood celebrities stood and applauded, Lucas waved from a balcony, wearing the honorees' signature rainbow-colored garland. Next to him were first lady Michelle Obama and his fellow honorees: singer-songwriter Carole King, actress and singer Rita Moreno, conductor Seiji Ozawa and actress Cicely Tyson.

President Barack Obama was a late arrival to the event after delivering a rare televised address in which he said America would overcome the threat posed by Islamic State militants.

Moreno, a native of Puerto Rico who started dancing at age 9, became the first Latina to win an Academy Award when she was hon-

"She's still a leading lady of her era, a trailblazer with courage to break through barriers and forge new paths," Obama said.

Tributes to Moreno came from her "Jane the Virgin" co-star, Gina Rodriguez, and Rosie Perez, who sang "Fever" with the overzealous Animal of "The Muppets" on drums — a performance Moreno originated, winning an Emmy. They said Moreno paved the way for themselves and other Latino actors.

"She was herself," Perez said. "She celebrated her heritage but did not stereotype it."

Tyson, a longtime star of stage and screen, has said the honor validated her decision to turn down many roles as she tried to find meaningful work as a black woman. At age 90, she's currently starring on Broadway alongside James Earl

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Australian trial over Johnny Depp's dogs pending next year

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CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Actor Johnny Depp's wife Amber Heard announced on Monday that she will fight charges that she smuggled the couple's Yorkshire terriers Pistol and Boo into Australia.

Heard was charged in July with two counts of illegally importing the dogs into the country and one count of

producing a false document to quarantine officials. She could face up to 10 years in prison and heavy fines if convicted.

In a statement, Heard said she instructed her lawyer to plead not guilty, and that she would come to Australia to fight the charges in a trial next year on a date yet to be set. "My decision to defend these charges, as will become apparent

in the appropriate forum of the Court, is not intended to in any way diminish the importance of Australia's laws," she said in the statement. The Gold Coast Bulletin newspaper said her lawyer had asked the trial date be moved up from an available date in March. The pair's legal team would not say whether Depp would also attend the court for the trial, the newspaper

reported. Heard did not appear at the Southport Magistrates Court in Queensland state on Monday for the latest hearing. A court official, who would not be quoted by name because of government policy, said the case was adjourned until Dec. 15. The official could not comment on what else had taken place during Monday's court hearing.

Australia has strict quaran-

tine regulations to prevent diseases such as rabies from spreading to its shores. Bringing pets into the country involves applying for a permit and quarantine on arrival of at least 10 days. Heard is accused of illegally bringing her dogs into Australia on a private jet when she visited Depp, who was filming the latest Pirates of the Caribbean movie on the Gold Coast. □

One Direction leads the way on Twitter's list of 2015 tweets

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Messages of love and gratitude shared by the boy band One Direction topped Twitter's charts this year, eclipsing President Barack Obama's celebration of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing gay marriage.

One Direction members accounted for half of the 10 most recirculated tweets, including the three most popular.

All the One Direction tweets were either directed at bandmates or the group's fans. None are likely to be remembered for heralding pivotal moments in history.

"All the love as always. H," One Direction's Harry Styles tweeted in March after Zayn Malik announced plans to leave the group. Styles boasts 26.3 million Twitter followers. The band's other current and former members have amassed between 16.6 million and 23.7 million followers apiece.



Niall Horan, from left, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson and Liam Payne of One Direction arrive at 102.7 KIIS FM's Jingle Ball iHeartRadio at Staples Center in Los Angeles. Messages of love and gratitude shared by the boy band One Direction topped Twitter's charts this year, eclipsing President Barack Obama's celebration of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing gay marriage. One Direction members accounted for half of the 10 most recirculated tweets, including the three most popular.

(Photo by Rich Fury/Invision/AP)

Obama nabbed the fourth spot in the Twitter rankings released Monday with a June 26 tweet that hailed the Supreme Court's ruling

on gay marriage as "a big step in our march toward equality."

Other tweets in Twitter's Top 10 came from Saudi

Arabia King Salman after his crowning, hip hop personality Kanye West calling for people to do everything they can, ac-

tor Leonard Nimoy philosophizing five days before his death and Caitlyn Jenner introducing herself after her transition from one-time Olympic decathlon champion Bruce Jenner.

Twitter also released some of the most popular topics, denoted by hashtags, that resonated with the more than 300 million users of its short-messaging service. The list included (hashtag) JeSuisParis after last month's terrorist attack in France, (hashtag) BlackLivesMatter after police shootings of African-Americans in several U.S. cities, (hashtag) LoveWins after the Supreme Court's ruling on gay marriage and (hashtag) RefugeesWelcome as people fled the Middle East for Europe.

Although Twitter Inc. has built a big audience, Facebook's social network is five times larger. A list about what people were talking about on Facebook this year is expected to be released soon, too. □

Project to play music from Rock Hall inductees in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland is set to receive colorful rock 'n' roll-themed sculptures that play snippets of songs from its rock hall inductees at regular intervals.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum and Destination Cleveland are planning to put the sculptures along the downtown business spine ahead of the 2016 Republican National Convention.

The installation, called "Rock Box," is expected to be made up of stacks of 2-foot-square loudspeakers that play music from rock Hall of Famers. The goal is to create a stronger link between the hall of fame and downtown, which are separated by railroads, a 70-foot drop in elevation, and highways and ramps.

Destination Cleveland communications manager

Jennifer Kramer tells WKYC-TV that the project will be a unifying force in downtown Cleveland. "We always say that we have great dots, but we don't have a great way of connecting them," Kramer said. The speakers will be made of black steel. Mark Reigelman II, who graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Art, said the center of the speakers that look like the horn of a gramophone will have col-

ors such as lime green, pink and purple.

Reigelman and Greg Harris, president and CEO of the Rock Hall, said the project was inspired by buildings that let out sounds regularly, such as church bells, sirens, and whistles.

"I lived for a long time in a town that had a noon whistle and a 5 o'clock whistle," Harris told The Plain Dealer. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if for

30 seconds at noon and 30 seconds at 5 you heard some unbelievable, exciting instrumental that was coming out of these boxes through the city?"

The design calls for about 50 speaker boxes to be installed in various sizes of stacks and towers.

The city gave final approval for the \$500,000 project on last Friday. It's being funded by Destination Cleveland. □

Star reactions to nominations for the 2016 Grammy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stars react to the 2016 Grammy Award nominations, announced Monday:

— “Up for a Grammy with these guys thanks to everyone who has been a part of this amazing musical transition,” best dance recording nominee Justin Bieber, via Instagram, along with a photo of himself with Diplo and Skrillex, who all worked on the hit song, “Where Are U Now.”

— “You always want to believe that songs like ‘Girl Crush’ are going to rise to the top and be heard, but it doesn’t always happen. It says a lot about the community here in Nashville and the way artists, instead of being competitive, often are cheering each other on.”

— Little Big Town’s Karen Fairchild said in an interview with the Associated Press on Monday. The songwriters of “Girl Crush” are nominated for two awards, including song of the year, and the band is nominated for two awards.

— “We put all our love for jazz and the songs of Jerome Kern — that are such a testament to the Great American Songbook — into this recording. It is always an honor to be nominated for a Grammy.” — Tony Bennett, nominated with Bill Charlap for traditional pop vocal album, in a statement.

— “I am so grateful to the fans, the Nashville music community and the Recording Academy for their appreciation and recognition. This has been just the most amazing year.” — Sam Hunt, nominated for country album and new artist, in a statement.

— “We are incredibly grateful that our music is able to do exactly what we intended. Free people from themselves and their struggles. On the road our fans dance, cry, sing, laugh and get into a vibe that transcends outside obstacles like race, language and social status. Thank you to The Recording Academy for noticing and again believing in The Mavericks.” — Mavericks’ lead singer Raul Malo, in a statement about the band’s nominations for Americana album and American Roots song.

— “Crying all day... what an honor it is to be next to such incredible artists like @torikelly @jamesbaymusic @samhuntsmusic and #CourtneyBarnett. Thank you to the @thegrammys for this amazing nomination!!” Meghan Trainor, celebrating her new artist nod, via Instagram.

— “We are at a loss for words. We are so proud of this album and to see it recognized in this way means the world to us.” — Alabama Shakes, which collected four nods for its album “Sound & Color,” via Instagram.

— “I wasn’t expecting the Grammy noms, thank you” — Ed Sheeran, up for song and record of the year for “Thinking Out Loud,” via Twitter.

— “I am so ... humbly elated to be listed among the other performers I look up to... This is a dream come true. But the real question is, what the hell am I going to wear?” — Elle King, double-nominee for her hit single “Ex’s & Oh’s,” in a statement.

— “I’m nominated for a Grammy. My heart is heavy & I am just speechless” — New artist nominee Tori Kelly, via Instagram.

— “Woke up 2 Grammy nominations!! :) Thanks everybody who nominated me and congrats to all the other nominees!” — Kelly Clarkson, nominated for pop solo performance and pop vocal album for “Piece by Piece,” via Twitter.

— “4 Grammy nominations! Thank you!” — John Legend, who has three bids for his song with Common, “Glory,” and a fourth for his track with Kanye West, “One Man Can Change the World,” via Twitter. □



This photo shows the cast of “Spotlight” at Cipriani Wall Street, in New York.

(Photo by Amy Sussman/AP Images)

LA Film Critics pick ‘Spotlight’ as best film

LINDSEY BAHR
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The high-octane “Mad Max: Fury Road” might have driven off with the most awards on Sunday, but the Los Angeles Film Critics Association had another in mind for its top film of the year: “Spotlight,” the comparatively subdued drama about the Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into sex abuses in the Catholic Church.

LAFCA is one of the highest-profile regional critics groups, but often strays from the mainstream in its annual awards choices. Only once in the past 20 years has the LAFCA Best Film winner gone on to win the Best Picture Oscar.

There was no clear favorite this year, and LAFCA honored a vast variety of some of the year’s best films further reinforcing the narrative that the Oscar race is still fairly undefined.

“Mad Max: Fury Road,” picked up three honors — the most for any film — including best director for George Miller, best cinematography, and best production design. But the dystopian rager, which the National Board of Review chose as their best film earlier this week, got second place to Tom McCarthy’s “Spotlight,” which also won for its screenplay.

Charlie Kaufman and Duke



This photo shows, Rooney Mara, left, as Therese Belivet, and Cate Blanchett, as Carol Aird, in a scene from the film, “Carol.” (Wilson Webb/The Weinstein Company via AP)

Johnson’s dark animated film “Anomalisa” also got multiple awards, including best animated film and best music/score for composer Carter Burwell, who was also recognized for “Carol.”

Acting awards were given similarly out of the box choices. Michael Fassbender won best actor for portraying the tech titan in “Steve Jobs,” while Charlotte Rampling picked up the award for best actress for her role in the marital drama “45 Years.”

Michael Shannon won best supporting actor for playing the predatory real estate broker in the housing bubble film “99 Homes,” and Alicia Vikander won best supporting actress for her performance as the beguiling Artificial Intelligence creation in “Ex Machina.”

“Amy,” about the life of

late pop star Amy Winehouse, won best documentary, and “Son of Saul” picked up best foreign film. Director Ryan Coogler also won the LAFCA new generation award for “Creed,” a continuation of the Rocky Balboa saga.

“Carol,” Todd Haynes’ 1950s-set romance, which dominated the New York Film Critics Circle Awards this past week was practically shut out, aside from Burwell’s co-win for score and a host of runner-up awards, including director and production design. □

The awards-friendly “Joy,” “The Revenant,” “The Danish Girl” and “Room” were nowhere to be found in LAFCA’s choices. Quentin Tarantino’s “The Hateful Eight” was recognized only for Ennio Morricone’s score as the runner-up to Burwell’s compositions. □



A thick blanket of early morning fog partially shrouds the skyscrapers of the Marina and Jumeirah Lake Towers districts of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Dubai's rapid transformation from a desert outpost into one of the world's most architecturally stunning cities is mapped out in the Marina. Where just 15 years ago there was empty, flat land, today a bustling neighborhood thrives centered around a canal and an impressive skyline that pierces through the clouds.

(AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

Dubai Marina: A Playground for the Ultra-Rich

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — With its glistening skyscrapers and man-made waterways, Dubai Marina is a playground for the rich.

Dubai's rapid transformation from a desert outpost into one of the world's most architecturally stunning cities is mapped out in the Marina. What 15 years ago was mostly empty land is today a bustling neighborhood with a skyline that pierces through the clouds. More than 150 high-rise buildings, stacked row after row, make up this 50 million square foot (4.65 million square meter) waterfront neighborhood built around a man-made canal where the wealthy park their yachts.

The area is sometimes referred to as the Manhattan of the Middle East and some of its buildings are promoted by realtors as having "Manhattan-style" architecture and amenities. A 12,400 square foot (1,152 square meter) apartment in the Marina was put

on the market this year for a cool 56 million dirhams, or about \$15.25 million.

Unlike Manhattan, though, Dubai's year-round sunshine gives the Marina a summer vibe throughout the winter months, when temperatures rarely drop below 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 Celsius) during the day. On weekends, alcohol-fueled party boats ferry Russian and Western expatriates down the canal as speed boats and jet skis buzz in the water.

Trendy restaurants and bars along the canal reflect the myriad of cultures and people drawn to Dubai, a modern city-state in the United Arab Emirates where foreigners far outnumber the locals.

Children can ride on a carousel, splash in a fountain and watch street artists perform on the canal's promenade. Around sunset, when the blistering heat of the day begins to subside, people jog and ride bikes. The Marina boasts the world's tallest residential building, the Princess Tower, which reaches 1,355



Two men play backgammon while smoking a shisha, or water pipe, at a restaurant overlooking the canal and the Marina neighborhood. Surrounding Marina's canal is an oasis of trendy restaurants and bars that serve an array of fusion-style cuisines that reflect the myriad of cultures and people drawn to Dubai, a modern city-state in the United Arab Emirates where foreigners far outnumber the locals.

(AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

feet (413 meters) high. The Marina 101 is currently being built to soar to 1,417 feet (432 meters).

The neighborhood is one of many clusters of neck-

bending skyscrapers throughout Dubai, built by armies of low-paid migrant workers, many of them from the Indian subcontinent. These workers

provide the manpower to build high-rises, shopping malls, highways and other mega-construction projects sweeping through the region. □